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WEEK DAYS

		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	Noon	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon...	...Dep.	6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	5.29	7.10
Yaumati...	...Dep.	6.50	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	4.44	5.38	7.19
Shatin ...	...Dep.	7.02	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56	5.51	7.31
Taipo ...	...Dep.	7.16	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.09	6.04	7.44
Taipo Market	...Dep.	7.21	9.53	11.08	12.38	1.53	5.13	6.08	7.48
Fanling ...	...Dep.	7.33	10.03	11.18	12.48	2.03	5.24	6.19	7.58
Sheungshui	...Dep.	7.36	10.07	11.22	12.52	2.07	5.28	6.23	8.02
Shumchun	...Arr.	7.42	10.13	11.28	12.58	2.13	5.34	6.29	8.08

		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shumchun	...Dep.	7.21	8.05	10.38	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.13	6.08
Sheungshui	...Dep.	7.28	8.12	10.45	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.20	6.15
Fanling ...	...Dep.	7.33	8.16	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.24	6.19
Taipo Market	...Dep.	7.42	8.26	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	5.34	6.29
Taipo ...	...Dep.	7.46	8.30	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	5.38	6.33
Shatin ...	...Dep.	7.59	8.43	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.56	5.51	6.46
Yaumati...	...Dep.	8.12	8.55	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.08	6.03	6.58
Kowloon...	...Arr.	8.20	9.03	11.37	12.41	3.58	5.16	6.11	7.06

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

		A.M.		A.M.	A.M.	Noon	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon...	...Dep.	6.40	8.35	9.15	10.30	12.00	2.22	5.29	7.10
Yaumati...	...Dep.	6.50		9.24	10.39	12.09	2.31	5.38	7.19
Shatin ...	...Dep.	7.02		9.36	10.51	12.21	2.43	5.51	7.31
Taipo ...	...Dep.	7.16		9.49	11.04	12.34	2.56	6.05	7.44
Taipo Market	...Dep.	7.21		9.53	11.08	12.38	3.00	6.09	7.48
Fanling ...	...Dep.	7.32		10.03	11.18	12.48	3.11	6.20	7.58
Sheungshui	...Dep.	7.36	9.12	10.07	11.22	12.52	3.15	6.24	8.02
Shumchun	...Arr.	7.42	9.18	10.13	11.28	12.58	3.21	6.30	8.08

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Shumchun	...Dep.	8.12	10.38	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.20	5.40	6.09
Sheungshui	...Dep.	8.19	10.45	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.27	5.46	6.16
Fanling ...	...Dep.	8.23	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28		5.51	6.20
Taipo Market	...Dep.	8.33	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38		6.01	6.30
Taipo ...	...Dep.	8.37	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42		6.05	6.34
Shatin ...	...Dep.	8.51	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.55		6.18	6.47
Yaumati...	...Dep.	9.3	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.07		6.30	6.59
Kowloon...	...Arr.	9.11	11.37	12.41	3.58	5.15	6.04	6.38	7.07

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Stations		A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Fanling	...Dep.	7.45	11.30	3.20	6.25
Shataukok	...Arr.	8.40	12.25	4.15	7.20

WEEK DAYS.

Stations.		A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shataukok	...Dep.	6.30	10.15	1.05	5.00
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Next Sunday throughout the length and breadth of the British Empire a change will come over the majority of those who owe allegiance to the Anglican Church. This Colony will be no exception to the rule, for on Easter Day many, both soldiers and civilians, will be gathered together in that great act of worship which has bound the Catholic Church together in all ages. We profess our belief in that Church, Sunday by Sunday, when we say the Apostles' Creed, but some of us habitually disassociate ourselves from its principal service of worship. Now this fairly common attitude is astonishing, for it implies that the Sacraments are for special occasions and apparently for special people. But even a casual consideration ought to convince us that this easily accepted opinion is wrong, for, as a famous writer has said, "The Sacraments are for the night and not for the day," and most of us in our religious life have not reached the full light of day.

PROVISION FOR INMOST NEEDS.

For when we consider we realise that what we require as normal men and women is something definite, authoritative and simple in our religion, something which is not too theoretical, not too abstract, far-fetched and fanciful; and we take this view because we know that the big things of life are after all the simple things,—so simple that a child can understand them, and yet at the same time perhaps so deep and significant that we cannot probe their full significance. So, in the spiritual life, God has made provision for these inmost needs. If we possessed the genius of Newton we could perhaps understand as he did the meaning of the Psalmist's words; "The heavens declare the glory of God," and we might say with him that an astronomer who could be indevout must also be insane. If we had the knowledge of a Kepler we might say, "My God, I am thinking Thy thoughts after Thee"; but the average man or woman is utterly incapable of this unbroken touch with God. And so God in His infinite wisdom has provided us with definite meeting places, authorised points of contact with Himself. "My visible presence," He would say, "has been removed, but there shall be a memorial contact between us. This service of Holy Communion is my parting legacy, my last blessing, my hand grasp out of the Infinite. Perform this act as a memorial of myself." And by the memory of that life of unrivalled self-sacrifice, by the memory of that last night of sorrow, by the memory of the agony and sweat of blood, the millions of Christendom have been constrained to show forth before heaven and earth His precious death until He come.

AVERAGE MAN A SINNER.

Moreover, the great reason that the average man should come to this service of Holy Communion is because the average man is a sinner. This often prevents the Englishman from attendance, not because he does not believe, but because of his sins. But we should come, not because we are good, but because we are bad, and we need the forgiveness which we get in the Holy Communion. But above all we should come because we want Him, and our spirits shall find no real rest until they find rest in Him. I often think that we spend far too much time in trying to understand just exactly in what manner God is present in that Service. Surely this is sufficient. The greatest thing in the world which you can give to anyone is yourself. This is the real meaning of Love. God is Love, and just because He is God He gives us Himself. It is the story of the Passion over again. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. We know that He is there. "The Lord is in His Holy Temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him."

So we shall come next Sunday and, to use the thoughts of a recent writer, how wonderful and simple it all is. We shall find Him waiting for us. The silent waiting Jesus. How we have mocked Him, forgotten Him, denied Him, cast Him out. But still He waits. What does He wait for? There is nothing that anyone can give, nothing but a load of shame, the offering of a body spent by passionate days, the kiss of traitor lips. But still He waits and offers Himself for us all. And if our eyes were opened we would see as it were an ocean of love streaming from the altar enclosing men of every kind, even you and even me.

MOST SACRED WEEK OF THE YEAR.

Finally we have entered upon the most sacred week of the year. I beseech you by the Passion of Christ not to waste it, but to use what you can of it in prayer, and in comparing the motives which govern your life with those laid down by the Master.

You remember the story of how the robin received its crimson breast. The legend says that the tiny bird, attracted by that secret power which draws all things to their Creator, on Good Friday lit upon the cross and strove with all its might to tear away one of the thorns which were piercing the sacred brow. When success rewarded its efforts the flow of blood which followed coloured its breast, and ever afterwards it was allowed to bear on its body the mark of the Lord Jesus. If we, my friends, this Holy Week, by renewed efforts, by prayer, by true repentance, draw but one thorn out of His sacred brow we shall in no wise lose our reward, for we shall be partakers of His Easter joy, which no man can take away from us.

LATE SIR ALEXANDER HOSIE.

HIS CAREER IN CHINA.

In an obituary notice published in a Home paper regarding the late Sir Alexander Hosie, a great authority on the trade and industry of China, who died on the evening of March 10th at his residence at Sandown, I.W., at the age of 72. The following account is give of his career:

Born in January, 1853, at Inverurie, Scotland, he entered the British Consular Service in China as a student-interpreter in 1870, and served as Consul or Consul-General successively at Wuchow, at Kiukiang, in Szechuen, and at Tientsin. He was Commercial Attaché to the British Legation in China from 1903 to 1909, was British delegate to the Shanghai International Opium Commission in the latter year, and was appointed personally to investigate the production of opium in 1910. He retired in 1912, but acted as Special Attaché to the British Legation at Peking from Nov., 1919, to Feb., 1920, at which time he made a trip round the world. He came back with his health very much impaired, and as a consequence of this illness his right foot had to be amputated. He had been confined to his bed for some months with heart failure and debility. He was author of some well-known works on the Far East, including "Three Years in Western China" and "Manchuria: Its People, Resources, and Recent History," and his last work was the compiling of a new map of the Chinese Empire, which has been particularly valuable in commercial circles.

Sir Alexander Hosie, possessed probably a more intimate knowledge of the interior of China than any other member of the British Consular Service, past or present, and few Englishmen associated with China have left a finer record of untiring devotion to the public interest. He had an observant mind, a special knowledge of economic botany, and a passionate love of travel. Stationed in Chungking from 1882 to 1884, he travelled far and wide through Western China, and the valuable official reports of his journeys, containing much original information, including the first account ever published of the white wax trade. He also travelled in Manchuria, studied the country, the resources of which are as varied as those of Canada, and embodied his researches in a book which still holds its place as a standard authority in English on the subject.

In the year after the Boxer insurrection Mr. Hosie, at Newchwang, by his good sense, firmness, and urbanity, smoothed away difficulties, gaining the respect of the Russians and the complete confidence of his own countrymen. When Consul-General for the Province of Szechwan, with headquarters at Chengtu, he devoted his energies to an elaborate study of the conditions of trade of this the richest province in the Empire. He crossed the province in every direction, one journey bringing him to the eastern borders of Tibet. Once more he gave to the world carefully considered accounts of his studies and researches, and his intimate account of his journey to the Tibetan border is perhaps the most important British contribution of recent years to an exact knowledge of inland China.

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When, at the end of 1908, arrangements were being made for the assembling of an Opium Conference in Shanghai, it was at the special request of the American Minister, Mr. Rockhill, that Sir Alexander Hosie was included among the British delegates. His paper on opium was considered to be the most important contributed to the Conference. At the end of the Conference he came home on furlough, but returned a year later as Special Commissioner to investigate the extent of opium production in China, with characteristic energy and thoroughness he carried out the arduous duties of his office, involving comprehensive journeys of thousands of miles, under conditions of frequent privation and constant toil, through the most distant provinces of the Empire. In 1915 he published a narrative of these journeys.

Sir Alexander married first, in 1887, Florence Lindsay; she died in 1905, leaving a son; and, secondly, in 1913, Dorothea, daughter of the Rev. W. E. Soothill, Professor of Chinese at Oxford. Lady Hosie, who was born in China, published about a year ago a book called "Two Gentlemen of China," in which she drew a charming picture of the happy domestic life to which she had been admitted on terms of the fullest intimacy.

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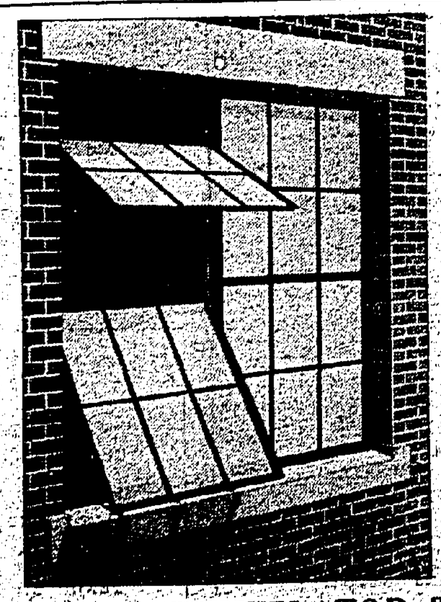

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A DAWES PLAN PROPOSED FOR FRANCE.

The Federation of British Industries has sent a memorandum to the Chancellor of the Exchequer outlining the views of industry in Great Britain with regard to the question of Inter-Allied debts.

The federation states that Great Britain's share of the financial burdens arising from the war is so heavy in proportion to that of other countries as to form a serious handicap to British industry in competition with other countries.

Other points in the memorandum are:

The principal difficulties of a settlement seem to be, firstly, the attitude of the largest creditor, the United States. The Government of the United States have adopted a strictly commercial attitude towards the debts, and do not appear to be open to any suggestions to compromise on broad lines such as would be involved by any general pooling of war costs or other similar methods which have from time to time been suggested.

This attitude must in its turn govern to a certain extent the attitude of Great Britain.

"SUBSIDISING FRANCE."

In terms of taxation we are paying in income tax the equivalent of 7d. in the £ in respect of the French debt; 6½d. in the £ in respect of the Italian debt; and 9½d. in the £ in respect of the debts of other Allied Governments, including Russia; while our payments to America represent approximately another 8½d. in the £—a total of 2s. 7½d. in the £, of which 1s. 11d. represents unpaid Allied debts, i.e., taxation which is paid by the British taxpayer to relieve taxpayers in the debtor countries.

In terms of international competition for trade (assuming we are entitled to 5 per cent. interest and sinking fund on these debts), we are subsidising France to the extent of £31,000,000 a year; Italy, £27,000,000 a year; and the remaining debtor countries to the extent of £41,000,000 annually.

These sums represent not only an additional tax burden on British industry but also a corresponding lightening of the burden on the industries of the debtor countries which are, in many cases, in keen competition with our own for the markets of the world.

The surplus of exports, visible and invisible, over imports for 1924, according to the Board of Trade estimate, was only £29,000,000 as compared to a pre-war normal of nearly £200,000,000, which affords an eloquent testimony to the strain which this accumulation of burdens is placing on our economic strength.

In these circumstances it does not appear possible that Great Britain can contribute much to the solution of the problem in the form of any substantial reduction of British claims. Any such concession would impose for several generations an enormous burden on the British taxpayer, with its inevitable consequences on employment, on the standard of living, and on the ability of British industry to compete with foreign industry.

No British Government would be justified in incurring such a risk to the future welfare of the country.

"PROSPERITY INDEX."

Referring to the British Note to France on the subject of the French debt, the memorandum says:

The federation regrets that His Majesty's Government has not seen its way to basing the annual payments to be found from French national resources on some form of "prosperity" index, either following the exact Dawes plan of a fixed minimum payment, coupled with further payments when a certain measure of prosperity is shown by the index, or basing the whole annual payments on such an index.

The British offer pushes concession in regard to the total obligations to the extreme limits of prudence, and involves permanent sacrifices by this country of so serious a character that they can only be justified if they create within a short period the stability of general conditions necessary to an expansion of British trade.

The great sacrifices which are being made by Great Britain justify her in demanding adequate safeguards against her generosity being abused.

Such safeguards can only be provided by a definite undertaking on the part of the debtors that they will take immediate steps to balance their Budgets by imposing the necessary taxation, and that they will in future abstain from obtaining an unfair advantage in the world's markets by the depreciation of their currencies.

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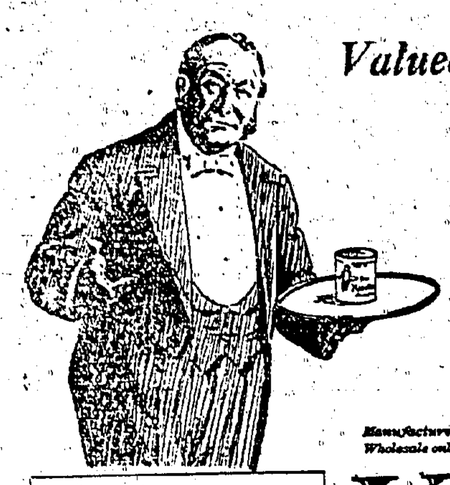

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NEW RECEIVING STATION IN THE SOUTH-EAST?

During the past nine months tests have been carried out, by the Telegraph Department, on wireless reception in various parts of the island with a view to accumulating data which would indicate the most suitable situation for a wireless station in Ceylon capable of satisfactory operation to the South and East as well as to the West. Since the inauguration of the Colombo Wireless Station in 1912, difficulty has been experienced in communicating with ships to the South and East. Wireless waves travel much greater distances for a given power over sea than over land and the extent of the obstruction of screening effect varies considerably according to the physical contour of the land and the existence of minerals such as ironstones. In the case of Ceylon these screening effects are very pronounced, and in order to overcome these difficulties as far as possible Government during the past three years authorised the expenditure of considerable sums for the provision of the most modern equipment at the Colombo Wireless Station. This equipment has now been in operation for nearly twelve months and the improvement which has resulted has been very marked. Communication has been kept up regularly with modern equipment, at distances of five to six thousand miles from Colombo in every direction, and so far as transmission of signals is concerned the difficulty may be regarded as having been surmounted.

WEAK SHIPS' SIGNALS.

Unfortunately, however, a very large number of ships, which use the port of Colombo, are equipped with very inferior and inefficient apparatus, which, while meeting with the requirements of the Board of Trade, does not transmit signals of sufficient strength to overcome the screening difficulties in communicating with Colombo Wireless Station when approaching from the South-East. These weak signals could, in the ordinary course, be amplified by modern wireless apparatus to make them readable in Colombo, but for the prevalence of severe electrical disturbances which are common in tropical countries. The wireless receiving apparatus, unfortunately, amplifies these disturbances simultaneously with the amplification of the ships' signals, with the result that the signals are still over-powered by the extraneous noises.

There are only two ways of overcoming the difficulty. One is to increase the power of all ships' transmitting sets which are at present too weak, and the other is to increase the strength of the signals received relative to the atmospheric disturbances. The first alternative is impracticable, so far as immediate application is concerned, and could only be adopted by degrees as obsolete ships sets are replaced.

THE PROBABLE SOLUTION.

In order, therefore, to ascertain to what extent the second alternative could be applied, these tests have been carried out by the Telegraph Department. The principal object of the tests has been to ascertain in what part of the island signals from ships to the South and the East could be received at the greatest strength. The tests are not yet completed, but, so far, the portion of the island between Nuwara Eliya and Galle has been explored. The South-Eastern section from Hambantota to Batticaloa is to be investigated at an early date.

A large number of tests have been carried out, and although a definite conclusion has not yet been arrived at, the evidence tends to confirm the view of the Telegraph Department that the installation of receiving apparatus somewhere in the South-Eastern section, in conjunction with the service from the Colombo Station, will provide the solution to the difficulty and enable ships to get in touch with Colombo when approaching from any direction, even though they be fitted with inefficient sets.—*Times of Ceylon.*

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OUR LONDON LETTER.

PUBLIC CONCERN ABOUT KING GEORGE'S HEALTH.

ROYALTY AND THE NEED OF HOLIDAYS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, March 1st.

THE KING'S HEALTH.

There has naturally been a good deal of concern about the King's health since His Majesty was reported ill owing to bronchitis. It is so seldom that King George has been indisposed that the announcement as to his illness on this occasion caused considerable anxiety. It was argued that he must be seriously indisposed or his medical advisers would not have told the public. His condition, as events proved, was much worse at one time than the bulletins issued daily intimated—and this is always the case when the Sovereign falls sick. To state the full facts at any given hour might alarm the nation; and on the other hand the public have a right to know. The Court physicians, therefore, have a very difficult task, and if they err at all it is on the side of optimism about their exalted patient.

King George's illness has had one compensating advantage to the country. It has enabled people to realise how few holidays he has had. The late King Edward was more careful about himself in this respect, and frequently went abroad to recuperate whenever he felt out of sorts and in need of a change. The present King and Queen all through the fifteen years of their reign have held so strenuously to their post of duty that they have not taken the opportunities for a real holiday which they might. The King is now at an age when his health must be strictly looked after; and certainly the London public like to see His Majesty treating himself to a rather easier time.

AN EMIGRATION COMMITTEE.

I learn that a special Emigration Committee has been set up by the International Labour Office of the League of Nations. The idea is to have a body capable of discussing methods by which this vast problem can be dealt with in a manner that will permit of experience being co-ordinated. Of course, whether people are sent abroad to settle is mainly the private concern of the country concerned, and the League has no power to interfere; but a good deal can be done to simplify existing methods. We hear from time to time of shiploads of emigrants who are held up, or even returned, because the country of destination refuses to admit them, and it is proposed to alter this state of things.

When this kind of thing happens the man in the street asks "Why were they allowed to sail if they were not to be allowed to land?" The aim of the Committee of the League of Nations will be to possess information of a reliable character that will be available for every country which has a surplus population and looks across the seas for an outlet for it. Emigration is apt to become a sore point between nations, and the League, I am informed, acting in a purely advisory capacity, will strive to prevent friction on this subject.

THE OPERA SEASON.

Lovers of music will be interested to learn that the season of German and Italian opera at Covent Garden which is to begin about the middle of May and will last for at least three months bids fair to be very successful. The famous home of opera in London is at the present time in use as a jazz dance hall, and there is satisfaction in the thought that it is to revert to its traditional purpose. Some of the very best of the Italian and German operas will be produced, and the intention is to attract the best singers from all countries. Last season was quite successful financially under the Grand Opera Syndicate, a body which is co-operating with a newly-formed syndicate under competent management, so that there is no reason to suppose the venture this year will be otherwise than a success in both the musical and the monetary sense.

COMMERCE AND EDUCATION.

The remarkable change that is coming over opinion with regard to business as a career for highly educated men and women is well illustrated by what I hear about a scheme for training young people from the public schools and universities for posts in the big London stores. The main idea is to combine the theoretical and the practical, as the pupils will spend most of the day acquiring the necessary knowledge of the job at the counter or in other ways in the great shops, and in the evening will attend special instruction classes in an institute which has been established for the purpose in Manchester Square. There they will continue the training under an expert.

It is now pretty generally accepted as true that the big London stores offer a career to men and women who have had a university education which is more attractive in salary in these days than some of the regular professions into which the youth of both sexes normally go. The heads of the stores are keenly alive to the value of trained intelligence as an aid to the development of business under modern conditions. One mammoth store in the West End has a training school in the building through which everyone who becomes a member of the staff must go to learn the essentials of the organisation as a trade concern and a conception broadly of the lines on which it is run. The new institute in Manchester Square is merely a development of this idea, with the support of the great business houses behind it, and the students who prove themselves capable are sure of well-paid posts.

"VOTES FOR FLAPPERS."

It seems probable that we shall have a Bill to give the vote to women at the age of 21; thus placing the sexes on an equality, within the life of the present Parliament. This is the meaning of the statement made on behalf of the Government the other day in the House of Commons. A measure of the kind would have been passed even now were it not for the fact that on the passage of a Franchise Bill the rule is for a Government to appeal to the country and give the new electorate a chance to exercise their power. But naturally the Conservatives with every prospect of at least four years of office before them were not going to accept the proposed "Votes for Flappers Bill," as it is called, and it is, therefore, placed on the shelf for the time being.

WEMBLEY FINANCES.

It appears from the balance sheet just published that the Wembley Exhibition last year resulted in a loss of £1,800,000. In the first instance the British Government gave a guarantee of £100,000, and afterwards agreed to pay another £500,000. The other guarantors committed themselves to find £1,100,000, so that at the moment the whole of the guaranteed money and some more would be needed to meet the losses. But there is the fact to note that the Exhibition showed a profit over the cost of maintenance, and this was one of the chief reasons why the guarantors desired to see the Exhibition continued again this year. They hope to see the total loss reduced or eliminated altogether—a very sanguine hope to cherish.

What will happen at Wembley this year is still a matter of great uncertainty. Of course, everything possible will be done to attract the public, and in order to get the Exhibition going well again the Government will put down another £500,000 over and above what was guaranteed last year. The condition imposed by the Government is that there shall be sufficient support from exhibitors of all kinds to "ensure a satisfactory exhibition," and that the guarantors should agree to a continuance of their pledges.

THE SHIP'S MEDICINE CHEST.

The Board of Trade has issued a revised list of medicines and medical stores which merchant ships will be required to carry as from July 1st next. I believe this is the first time that such a list has been revised since a couple of years before the war. As might be supposed the progress that has taken place in medical treatment finds some reflection in the composition of the new lists. The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons and the Pharmaceutical Society have assisted to compile the catalogue of drugs and other accessories. There is full evidence of the precision with which the lists have been compiled. The quantities have been specified in every case as regards drugs and other stores, and even the number of medicine bottles, corks, and ointment boxes.

FREEDOM OF THE CITY.

It is within the mark to say that men of all parties are pleased by the decision of the City Corporation to confer the Freedom of the City of London on the Earl of Oxford and Asquith. It is considered appropriate that the veteran Liberal's name should be added to the illustrious roll of City freemen. Ever since William Pitt was thus honoured in 1757 it has been privilege of the City Fathers to honour leading statesmen in this fashion. Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Lloyd George are the two most recent examples, and the new Earl will, therefore, find himself in excellent company.

It may be noted in passing that the political humourists are exercising their wits to invent an omnibus title for the Earl of Oxford and Asquith. The best attempt so far is the suggestion that he should be spoken of as "Lord Oxsquith." It rather reminds one of Mr. Bernard Shaw's "Mr. Balsquith," and it is of course only meant as a joke. All the same it is the best suggestion up to the present.—H.B.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, before Mr. S. B. B. McElderry, the No. 1 Boy at the Repulse Bay Hotel was charged with having resisted a search on him by Sergt. Dungey and an Indian policeman in Wellington Street on Saturday morning. The evidence tendered showed that defendant adopted an insolent attitude towards the officers. He was fined $10.

At the Marine Court yesterday, before Lieut.-Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., three junk-masters were fined $5 each for anchoring in the southern entrance to the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter and causing an obstruction there.

CINEMA NOTES.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

Jewel Carmen, the screen star whose latest story will be shown at the Queen's Theatre for four days, beginning to-day, with the mystifying title of "Nobody," plays the part of a young bride, who is taken by her husband, Tom Smith, to Palm Beach for their honeymoon. The story supplied by Roland West, producer, director and author, is so grippingly dramatic and mysterious that it will hold any audience spellbound. "Nobody" is an Associated First National attraction.

WITH THE FENGTIEN ARMY.

RUSSIAN RECRUIT'S STORY OF HIS EXPERIENCES.

A Harbin correspondent writing to a Tientsin paper says:—

The thick ranks of the unemployed here are now deterred from their original plans of becoming soldiers in the Russian detachment of General Chang Tsung Chang, which is incorporated in the army of Marshal Chang Tso Lin, after hearing the story of one of their comrades, who has deserted after a brief service in the cause of the Mukden War Lord. He related his experiences to a representative of the local Press and the story has been given wide publicity by the newspapers in Harbin friendly to the Soviet.

Here is the story of the deserter: "I discovered through my friends that a certain Russian colonel was recruiting for the ranks of General Nechaeff. Good food and wages were promised and the conditions of service appeared tempting for an unemployed man. I decided to join this army and with that purpose in view left for the hotel were the colonel recruiting resided. The colonel after hearing my tale of woe explained that the ranks were full but that he would try his utmost to fulfil my wish.

PAID OWN FARE.

"But, the colonel continued, if I would agree to pay for my transportation from Harbin to Mukden, he (the colonel) would see that the money was refunded to me from the brigade headquarters immediately upon my arrival in Mukden. To this I consented, and handed out to him my last possessions in this world, just enough to buy a ticket to Mukden. Having accepted the money, the colonel asked me to be at the station the next morning with two or three changes of underwear, adding that I need not worry about anything else, as everething necessary would be provided in Mukden. At the railway station next morning I met in the third class waiting room 75 more recruits and also this colonel. Some time later we all entered two special fourth class cars and left for Mukden. Accompanying us were one Chinese officer and a few Chinese soldiers, presumably as a guard.

ON ARRIVING AT MUKDEN.

"Upon arrival in Mukden we were all sent to the Chinese city and accommodated in a Chinese barracks. Two hours later we were ordered to line up and leave the barracks individually. This was the procedure for obtaining ammunition and equipment. After all were equipped and armed we were ordered to return to the barracks where dinner was ready. It consisted of a pound of bread a day per soldier and a bowl of rice for tiffin in addition to soup, which was only water. The meat ration had to be examined microscopically. Tea, cigarettes and sugar we had to purchase ourselves out of the scanty monthly pay of twelve Mukden dollars, which is 25 per cent. below the value of the Harbin dollar. After purchasing these three articles of necessity one had nothing left.

"Having acquainted themselves with the real state of affairs, we recruits became discouraged but could do very little to return to Harbin as nobody had a cent. The money that some of us paid for our trip to Mukden was not returned, but a promise was made that we should get it after a month. Nobody in the ranks took this promise seriously. Personally I was fortunate. I met in Mukden an old classmate of mine. He was determined I should escape from the detachment. I heeded his arguments and when the detachment was ready to leave for Shanghai I packed my "possessions," escaped to Harbin and again joined the army—but this time the army of street trotters—or jobless."

"CATS AND DOGS."

TROUBLE AT A SHANGHAI FLAT.

At H. M. Supreme Court, Shanghai, on April 2nd, before Mr. G. W. King, Registrar and acting Judge, Mrs. K. V. Thomas sued Mr. A. A. Williams for Tls. 200, rent for a flat at 695, Avenue Joffre.

Mr. Mansel Reece appeared for defendant.

Plaintiff, on being informed that defendant had paid Tls. 73 and $10 into court on the previous day, declined to accept this and said she preferred to go on with the case. She went on to say that defendant took the flat in June last, fully and newly furnished, at Tls. 100 a month. There was no agreement in writing, but she stipulated that the rent should be paid in advance and that a month's notice should be given on leaving. On the night of November 21st, witness requested Mr. Williams to take his dog away from the apartment, it being thoroughly against her rules to have one there, but he refused. He had been spoken to several times about it. Next day she instructed her servants to prepare a place for the dog, and then telephoned to defendant asking him to remove it there, his reply being that the flat was only fit for dogs and that when the dog left he would leave. Also he used profane language. He left the flat that day, and without paying the rent, his reason being that he had lost an overcoat. Later, a French detective who visited the house found the coat hidden away in the ice chest.

Defendant's story was that when plaintiff complained about the dog being in the flat she told him to "Get to—— out of the flat with two cats and a dog," and as he had only one cat he presumed that Mrs. Thomas referred to his wife. The dog was kept in the bath-room. When he gave plaintiff 15 days' verbal notice she said "Maskee," and afterwards she sent in several letters claiming Tls. 73.33 for rent, and $10 for damage done to the flat, but she never at any time claimed Tls. 100 in lieu of a month's notice.

Judgment was given for Tls. 73.33, $10 for damages, and the court fees.

BUYING A WIFE.

KIDNAPPER SENT TO GAOL FOR SIX MONTHS.

The story of how a 15-year-old Chinese girl was taken from her home and bought for $147 by an old man, who intended marrying the girl to his son, was unfolded before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when Wong Chau was charged with having kidnapped the girl.

Detective Inspector T. Murphy said the girl was taken from her home in Hunghom in December and sold to Ching Ng in Taipo. There were two others, a man and a woman mixed up in the affair, but they had absconded. Defendant was arrested on March 31st.

Ching Ng said that defendant brought the girl to his house in Taipo in December. He said he was the girl's uncle but had adopted her. He (witness) paid defendant $147 for the girl, so that she might be given to his son for a wife. Defendant signed a receipt.

Another witness said he had seen the money handed over, but he did not see defendant sign the receipt. Ching Ng's son gave corroborative evidence and stated that defendant was accompanied by a ricksha coolie, named Chan Choi, but the money was paid to defendant.

The little girl gave evidence to the effect that she was taken from Hunghom to Taipo by train. At Taipo she and defendant met the ricksha coolie, Chan Choi, who accompanied them to the house of Ching Ng where she was sold.

Defendant denied having received the money or signing the receipt. He had accompanied a woman called Hemui to Taipo with the girl. There the woman met Chan Choi whilst he (defendant) returned by train. He had been paid $10 by the woman for guiding her part of the way.

His Worship said he considered defendant's story to be ridiculous. There was no doubt that he was not the sole moyar in the matter, but that he was mixed up in it there was not the slightest doubt. Sentence of six months' hard labour was passed, the girl to be returned to her mother.

Addressing Ching Ng His Worship said he trusted that losing the money would make him more careful in the future.

LOCAL SPORT.

BILLIARDS.

CHAMPIONSHIP OF COLONY. AT V.R.C.

At the Victoria Recreation Club, last evening, Mr. P. Yvanovitch made a break of 75, the record so far for the tournament.

He was playing, in the second round, against Lieut.-Col. F. S. Montague Bates.

The match resulted in victory for Yvanovitch by 800-659.

HIGHEST BREAKS.

The chief breaks were:—

Mr. P. Yvanovitch: 75, 49, 49, 41, 37, 35, 33, 20, 20, 20.

Lieut.-Col. Bates: 39, 29, 28, 25, 24, 22, 20, 20, 20.

To-night Messrs. Wong Po Hong and E. W. Spry meet in the third round.

CLUB SENSATION.

JUSTICE McCABE REAY BRINGS LEGAL ACTION.

According to the *Malay Mail* an action which will excite widespread interest is on the list for hearing in the Seremban Supreme Court, in which Mr. Justice McCabe Reay, the Judicial Commissioner for Negri Sembilan, is suing the Committee of the Sungei Ujong Club for damages.

The facts leading up to this action, as far as we can gather, are as follows: In November, 1924, the judge alleges, the General Committee of the Sungei Ujong Club illegally and wrongfully had his name published in the Club as a defaulter for the sum of $78.53. He contends that he was not indebted to the club in any amount, that his account did not show a debit balance, that the secretary did not send him a notice as provided for in rule 38 of the Club, that he was not given an opportunity of defending himself or meeting the allegation that he was indebted to the Club, and that, by posting his name, the committee either failed to exercise their discretion or wilfully abused their discretion, being actuated by a malicious desire to injure him. He further asserts that the committee have failed to apologise, although requested so to do.

The committee of the Sungei Ujong Club, which consists of Messrs. R. W. Morris, R. C. Sherar, G. C. Whitelaw, A. Braddon, R. Hodgson and W. G. Howse, take up the position, according to their filed statement, that the judge's name was posted as being one of several who had not paid their club bills, but deny that it was done either illegally or wrongfully. They contend that several notices were sent to the judge, but that they were ignored. They say that they acted within their discretion and that no apology or amends are due to him.

The case is fixed for hearing to-day.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING.

DR HARSTON APPOINTED PRESIDENT.

The annual meeting of members of the St. George's Society was held yesterday evening in the City Hall, under the chairmanship of the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird.

After the secretary had read the notice convening the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said: Gentlemen, The Report and Accounts for 1924 having been in your hands for several days, I will, with your permission, take them as read. As regards the General Account, I do not think there is anything calling for special explanation.

Our charitable gifts amounted to $1,114.22, as compared with $1,034.89 in 1923. The Balance carried forward is $6,398.17 as against $8,660.75, a difference of $262.58. The sum of $100.00 included in the sum already mentioned under donations, was given to the Garrison Schools for the purchase of pictures, books, &c., of a patriotic nature.

St. George's Day was observed as usual by an interchange of greetings between fraternal Societies and a luncheon held at the Hongkong Hotel. As mentioned by your President at the last Annual Meeting, there was a feeling that a more marked observance of the day should be made and the luncheon was the outcome. The time available last year was very short in which to make arrangements and as we have more time this year possibly more may be done. I shall be glad to hear presently what members think, so that the incoming Committee may be guided by your wishes.

During the year 66 new members joined the Society, but it is with sincere regret that I have to record the death of several of our members since the last General Meeting. Their names are:—Mr. A. F. Lowe, Comdr. C. W. Beckwith, Mr. H. A. Cartwright, Capt. F. J. Wheeler, Mr. C. Dickens and Mr. R. Earnshaw and we extend our deepest sympathy to their relatives.

The Annual Ball held on the 6th January, was a great success, and you will notice that a small profit of $174.91 resulted. (Applause). This sum has been used to wipe off part of the deficit from the two previous years. We have thought it only fit to make an innovation in the statement before you, and you will find the cost of the 1925 Ball stated separately, the items being given under main headings. In previous years this has not been done, and I fear it has in consequence been somewhat misleading. I have much pleasure in telling you that all debts have been wiped on, and we now stand with a clean slate as regards past Ball accounts.

It was a source of regret to all of us that owing to ill health our Vice-President had to leave for Home just before the Ball—we hope to see him back amongst us renewed in health before our next annual gathering. Mr. H. E. Hollands acted again as Hon. Secretary for the Ball, and we are greatly indebted to him for the hard work he put in.

Our thanks are also due to Mr. R. A. Nicholson, for the splendid display of roses on the supper table, and I should like to take this opportunity of thanking again the Chairmen and members of the various Sub-Committees who worked so hard on our behalf to make the Ball a success. The Annual Golf match between the St. Andrew's Society and ourselves again resulted in a win for us. (Applause).

Our thanks are also due to Mr. L. S. Greenhill, our Hon. Secretary, and Mr. D. B. Peat, our Hon. Treasurer. Both these gentlemen have done Yeoman's Service o the Society, and I am glad to say both of them are willing to serve us again and I have no doubt that you will re-elect them. (Applause).

We have received a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Parent Society in London, asking us to help the St. Paul's Restoration Fund by sending a subscription—this is a matter that the incoming Committee will doubtless deal with. That is all I have to say, Gentlemen, except that I thank you most cordially for the honour you did me during my absence last year in electing me President of the Society. (Applause).

Mr. W. SHINER seconded, and the report and accounts were carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed as President, Dr. G. M. Harston, who he stated was expected to return to the Colony before the end of the year.

Mr. HANCOCK seconded and the motion was carried.

Other officials were appointed as follows: Vice President, Mr. W. A. Dowley; Hon. Secretary, Mr. L. S. Greenhill; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. D. B. Peat; and Committee: Hon. Mr. G. C. Alabaster, Mr. S. Baker, Lt. Col. L. G. Bird, Mr. P. S. Cassidy, Mr. E. Cock, Mr. W. J. Eldridge, Mr. H. P. Winslow, Mr. H. E. Hollands, Mr. E. B. C. Hornell, Mr. W. W. Hornell, Mr. J. H. Ramsay, Mr. W. C. Shiner.

The CHAIRMAN said the next business was the question of celebrations on St. George's Day, and in that respect it was suggested that the Society should lay a wreath on the Cenotaph at 12-45 p.m., and if it were decided to carry this out he hoped as many members as possible would attend. It was also proposed that they should hold the usual tiffin, with the innovation this year that ladies should attend. Another suggestion was that they should hold a concert.

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Hon. Mr. ALABASTER proposed, and it was seconded by Mr. Eldridge, that this year the Society confine themselves to the luncheon, and that the incoming Committee go into the matter of holding a concert next year. The motion was unanimously carried.

Hon. Mr. HOLYOAK proposed, and the Chairman seconded, that the sum of $100 be given to the Garrison School for prizes at their sports. This was carried unanimously.

Mr. AUCOTT said that with regard to the proposed concert next year the incoming committee should see that it was well advertised and that its objects were known and advertised. It ought to be a huge success. The Society would assist charities by the concert and that fact should be made as prominent as possible so as to assure success.

SUPREME COURT.

WOMAN'S ACTION TO RECOVER LOAN OF $31,598.

A sequel to a woman having lent big sums of money to a woman litigant, in order that she might institute proceedings in the Supreme Court, was the case which was commenced yesterday before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) in which Wong Chat was plaintiff, and claimed the recovery of the money lent, amounting to $31,598, from the adopted son of the deceased.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., with Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master) appeared for the plaintiff, and the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C. (instructed by Messrs. Lo & Lo), appeared for the defendant.

Outlining his case, Mr. Potter said that the loaning of the money was a purely charitable act, as the woman Wong Chat was to get her money back with interest if the case was won, and if it was lost she lost the whole amount.

The loans were not repayable until the case had concluded, or the assets of the estate collected, so that though the action was commenced in 1913 it continued until 1921, when judgment for plaintiff Wong Chen Shi was given for $85,000. Wong Chat demanded repayment, but Wong Shen Shi would not pay.

Counsel next related that in 1897, a man named Ho Wo Lam died, leaving a widow and Wong Chen Shi, his concubine. The widow died in 1902 and they were not concerned with her. In that year the defendant was adopted and became the son of the deceased, Ho Wo Lam, with all the rights of a real son.

His Lordship adjourned the case until this morning.

ALLEGED FALSE PRETENCES.

POLICE FOKI IN TROUBLE.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, before Mr. S. B. B. McElderry, a Chinese foki at the Aberdeen Police Station was charged with unlawfully representing himself to be a police officer in the Hongkong Police Force, and obtaining from the Dragon Motor Car Co. the use of a motor car with intent to defraud the Company of the sum of $54, being the amount of the hire of the motor, at Aberdeen on April 3rd. He was further charged with unlawfully taking the character of a police-constable for the purpose of doing certain acts which a police constable would be entitled to do, at Chai Wan Ngan.

A clerk of the motor car company stated that on April 3rd he received a message by telephone, purporting to come from the Aberdeen Police Station. The message was "I am the foki at the Aberdeen Police Station. I want a car for a police-officer at once."

The driver of the car said that he arrived at Aberdeen at 11.45 and met the defendant at the Aberdeen Kai Fung Bus Company. Defendant said he was the man who ordered the car and told witness to drive to the Police Station. Witness drove the car there and they picked up one man and three women. He was then told to drive around the Island, which he did, later returning to Aberdeen. There they picked up a suit-case and returned to Hongkong, dropping the other man and the suitcase at the Hongkong Club. Defendant said he knew there were 50 taels of opium at Chai Wan Gap and that he wanted to go to No. 13, Tai Wong Street, and get a revolver. They went there and picked up four women and one girl and then went back to Aberdeen, where the first three women left the car. From there they drove to the Chai Wan Gap and they all got out of the car and went to the village. Later they returned to Tai Wong Street. Witness did not see a revolver.

One of the Chinese women passengers in the car stated that defendant entered the Chai Wan Temple, and afterwards stopped a Hakka man on the way back from the Hakka village. Defendant searched the bag he was carrying and discovered that it contained raw medicine.

Awaiting further evidence in the case, it being stated that a police officer, who is said to be concerned with the defendant in the matter, had gone on four weeks' leave, His Worship remanded defendant on the first charge until next Monday, allowing him bail in $500. The second charge against him was dismissed.

LOCAL TURF TOPICS.

PROSPECTS FOR RACING ON SATURDAY.

[BY AROUS.]

Since the last meeting so much rain has fallen, that any training gallops that have taken place have done little to clear the atmosphere for Saturday next, as regards spotting winners.

At the time of writing there is little likelihood of the "going" being on the fast side on Saturday. In fact, even if no rain falls, the course will probably be holding and ponies that ran prominently last meeting should be worth following.

The race-books were issued last night and call for a word or two.

For instance—under "general information" appear the words: "A pony winning a race after the publication of the weights of a handicap and starting in that handicap will carry *7lb. in addition* to the weight allotted."

According to the draft programme, calling for entries, the conditions regarding handicaps are: "A pony winning a race at this meeting and starting for a handicap race *on the same day* will carry *5lbs. in addition to the weight allotted* for such handicap."

The words in italics are bound to lead to confusion and an authoritative statement from the Secretary's office appears necessary.

In the Tudor Stakes (1 mile) where *unplaced runners* are allowed 3lbs. we find the concession granted to Messrs. Walker & Dunnett's Hoo Mah.

To the best of my belief, Hoo Mah has not started; therefore he is not entitled to the 3lb. concession.

I am informed that he went lame before the annual meeting and was taken out of training. At any rate, his name does not appear in the list of H.K.J.C. results for February 16th, 17th, 18th and 21st and I am positive he has not started since.

This race should prove difficult to pick. Scarecrow proved a big disappointment at the second extra, in the March Stakes over the same distance. It is as well to remember, however, that he got off badly and nearly came down at the turn for home. The race was fon by Nugget, with Quab and Jimmy Lad next in order; and Monitor fourth. If Hoo Mah has any pretensions to gallop, he should win. He will probably be ridden by Mr. Peat, enabling him to claim 5lbs.

One has no public performance to go by and I can tell my readers little beyond the fact that he was by no means the worst of the subscription griffins.

Monitor and Uncle Tom have probably shown us their best and Lumbmic, I understand, prefers a longer distance.

For the Twickenham Handicap, "B" class (one mile) twenty-six are entered and the mudlarks who make most appeal at the weight are King Canute, Gaudie and Uncle Alf.

Twenty-four names appear in the Twickenham Handicap "A" class. The field may include: Jambu, Grey Streak, Curiosity Shop, Rothesay, King Alfred, Auchenreoch, Curiosity Shop, Friarsfield, Phenomenal Dahlia, Clover Club, and Grey Knight among others.

The last-named is the pick of the bunch.

For the Aggregate Stakes, one can expect to see Grey Morn, Charcoal probably, Chicago, King of the Plains, Gold Leaf and possibly Wimmera.

Grey Morn will probably win again, though some people are of opinion that he was lucky to beat Gold Leaf on last occasion. It must always be borne in mind that Grey Morn won handily by one length, even if his rider left his run later than suited some of his backers. The extra 5lbs may make all the difference; but, then again it must be remembered that Chicago and King of the Plains covered the first half-mile in 1.02 and the time for the six furlongs was 1.35.2-5, which, in view of the state of the going, did not enhance the chances of either of the two pace-makers. At the moment, I expect the race to result as it did last time as regards the first two.

The Cobham Plate (1m. 165yds.) is the fifth event and should attract a big field of this season's griffins. In view of the Twickenham Handicap, it is difficult, at this writing, to size up the probable candidates, but I expect the runners will include: Blotting Paper, Dictator Dahlia, Saracen, Toomai, Beldorney Star, Prohibition, Beauty Dahlia, Solly, Wimmera, Uncle Charlie, Gimlet, Strathallan, The Critic, and very probably Grey Knight.

The last-named is the best on paper, out of those named above.

Coming to the Esher Handicap "B" class, one is faced with a similar difficulty in making up a tentative field.

Unless they have started earlier in the day, we may find the following at the post: Uncle Alf, The Wasp, Duke of Frisco, Beldorney Star, Gaudie, King Canute, Langsat and Valiant.

The owner is well-pleased with the weight of Duke of Frisco—and little wonder. Before Saturday, I may discover something to shake him up. Uncle Alf might do it, but there is a big difference between 140lbs., which he carried into third place in the Lincoln "A" class and his present impost of 102lbs.

For the Claygate Plate, Messrs. Dyer & Beith have nominated Loch Rannoch and Blotting Paper; Mr. Beith can send Grey Knight and Charcoal.

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I expect only Loch Rannoch and Blotting Paper will start from this stables. Others may be: Dictator or Phenomenal Dahlia, Grey Streak, Seattle and Gypsy Love. The last-named is well-in at the weights, having incurred no penalty and is sure to go close if a rider can be found at the weight—Mr. Doyle cannot get down to 152lbs. Of course, if Charcoal is sent here, one need look no further for the winner.

For the Esher Handicap "A" class (1½ miles), probably the following will go to the post: Charcoal, Spotted Sand, Dictator Dahlia, Prohibition, Curiosity Shop and Golden Chrysanthemum.

Charcoal would appear to have the race at his mercy. Old Spotted Sand will probably again follow him home. Curiosity Shop may prove third best, though Prohibition apparently *can* gallop when he is in the mood. My final selections will appear in Friday morning's paper, as there will be no publication on Saturday.

I understand that, owing to the departure of Mr. F. Sutton, the post of Clerk of the Course is vacant. It is the wish of the majority of racing men that Mr. Birkett will consent to take over the duties. He did splendid work in this capacity before and was generally popular.

PACIFIC MAIL LINERS.

AWARDED TO STANLEY DOLLAR SYNDICATE.

Word has been received in the Colony that the United States Shipping Board has awarded the five trans-Pacific liners now operated by the Pacific Mail Company to Mr. Stanley Dollar and his associates by 4 votes to 3.

We learn that the Pacific Mail Co. have started injunction proceedings against the United States Shipping Board and a restraining order has been made returnable on April 13th.

We understand the position is that unless this transfer is vetoed by the Administration, the Pacific Mail Co. will probably be compelled to retire from the Pacific trade.

SOVIET COFFIN FOR DR. SUN.

COMMON THING OF GLASS AND TIN.

In a message dated April 2nd, the Peking correspondent of the *N.-C. Daily News*, stated:—

The much-heralded coffin which the Soviets offered as a permanent repository for Dr. Sun Yat Sen's remains has turned out to be a thing of plain glass and tin. It is stated that it will not be used. Comrade Karakhan promised to have a coffin made in Moscow like Lenin's, which was of bronze and crystal glass, but the one that arrived yesterday had only a thin coating of bronze, the remainder being of tin with an ordinary glass top cover.

The Peking Union Medical College reported these facts to Dr. Sun's family and the Kuomintang party leaders, after examining the coffin last night. As the College had embalmed the body of Dr. Sun and had guaranteed its preservation for something like 150 years under certain conditions, the College examined the coffin from Moscow to see that it did not defeat this aim. It was then that the real composition of the Moscow product was brought to light, as also the fact that it contained several holes, evidently caused in transportation, although it is stated that it is by no means new.

These revelations have been most painful to the family and persons close to the deceased leader, for in China a coffin is considered to be of supreme importance in attesting the honour in which the dead are held, and it is felt that Dr. Sun Yat Sen's memory has already suffered by this evidence of disrespect. The object of the Soviets generosity has been hindered rather than helped.

[A cable published in our columns last Saturday stated that the casket from Moscow had proved unsatisfactory, and that the body was borne to the Western Hills in the original coffin.]

A "CAT BURGLAR."

MAN WHO CLIMBED A WATER PIPE.

Something in the nature of a "cat burglary," had a sequel at the Central Magistracy yesterday, when before Mr. J. R. Wood, a Chinese was charged with the theft of a safety razor and a pair of slippers. A district watchman stated that on the 2nd inst., he was on the Chiun On Wharf, when he noticed defendant climbing a water pipe at 99, Connaught Road West. After scaling the pipe, defendant got on to the first floor of the building, and later witness saw him running away, pursued by a foki. Defendant was subsequently arrested.

It was further stated that while he was being taken from the cell to the charge-room, defendant escaped from the custody of the constable, but was re-arrested on Saturday morning at a coolie house at Connaught Road West.

His Worship sentenced defendant to three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

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Hongkong, 6th April, 1925. [2076

NOTIFICATION.

THE Offices and Stations of the CHINESE MARITIME CUSTOMS for Kowloon and District will be CLOSED to PUBLIC BUSINESS on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 10TH and 11TH APRIL, 1925.
R. H. R. WADE,
Commissioner of Chinese Customs,
Kowloon and District.
York Buildings,
Hongkong, 6th April, 1925. [2074

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 18th April, 1925, or they will not be recognised.
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the free storage period of one week.
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having arrived from the above Port on 1st instant, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Wednesday, 8th instant, at 10 A.M.
All Claims must be presented within 15 days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 8th instant, will be subject to Rent.
Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that they must produce an Import permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading can be countersigned.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
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Telephone No. 3165.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1925. [2056

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 9th instant, will be subject to Rent.
All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 23rd instant, or they will not be recognised.
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 9th instant, at 10 a.m.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 3rd April, 1925. [2066

BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP.

THE HONGKONG BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP has now commenced at the VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB. CHARGES of ADMISSION to the Preliminaries are: Club Members and Soldiers and Sailors 25 cents; Non-Members of the V.R.C. 50 cents.
The First Session commences at 6 o'clock each Evening. 2021

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the HONGKONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held in the Offices of Messrs. SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 8TH DAY of APRIL, 1925, at 11.00 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended on the 31st December, 1924, and of Electing Directors and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2ND to the 8TH APRIL, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
S. COURTNEY COOK,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 26th March, 1925. [2025

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED, will be held at THE HONGKONG HOTEL, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 8TH APRIL, 1925, at 12 o'CLOCK Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended the 31st December, 1924, confirming the Appointment of a Director and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 1ST APRIL, 1925, until WEDNESDAY, the 8TH APRIL, 1925, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
J. BARTHOLOMEW,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1925. [2007

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 11TH, and MONDAY, 13TH APRIL, 1925, commencing at 3 P.M.
The First Bell will be Rung at 2.30 P.M., Each day.
The Charge for Admission to the Public Enclosure will be $1.
Soldiers and Sailors in uniform, Half Price.
Members are advised that they must show their Season Tickets to obtain Admission to the Members' Enclosure.
Each Member has the right of introducing 2 Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure, Tickets for whom can be obtained from MESSRS. LINSTEAD & DAVIS at $5 each day up to FRIDAY, 10TH APRIL.
The Stewards invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present. [2071

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Partnership hitherto subsisting between MAN KAM LO and MAN WAI LO and ALFRED EDWARD HALL carrying on Business as Solicitors at Alexandra Buildings under the Style or Firm of MESSRS. LO AND LO Has Been Dissolved as From the 1ST DAY of APRIL, 1925, so far as concerns the said ALFRED EDWARD HALL who Retires from the said Firm.
Dated the 31st day of March, 1925.
(Signed) M. K. LO.
(Signed) M. W. LO.
(Signed) ALFRED E. HALL.
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WANTED.—Competent STENOGRAPHER. Apply—Box No. 85, c/o *Hongkong Daily Press*. [85

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FOR SALE.—A Baby's PERAMBULATOR (Dunkley's). Apply—Mrs. DUNNETT, 10, Peak. [83

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MARRIAGE.

HILL—BAINBRIDGE.—At Shanghai, on April 2nd, SYDNEY ERNEST, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. HILL, of Northampton, England, to LILIAN MARGARET, daughter of the late H. B. BAINBRIDGE, and Mrs. BAINBRIDGE, of West Bolden, England.

DEATHS.

REMEDIOS.—At Shanghai, on April 1st, MUSA, wife of Mr. G. M. P. REMEDIOS, aged 38 years.
CRAMER.—At Nanking, on March 28th, LUELLA M. CRAMER, mother of S. S. CRAMER, of the Standard Oil Co. of New York.
STEPHEN.—At Ahrweiler, on March 31st, ARTHUR CLAIR, only surviving son of Mrs. A. G. STEPHEN, Shanghai, and the late Mr. A. G. STEPHEN.

Hongkong Office: 14, Chater Road.
London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 7TH, 1925.

AMERICAN SHIPPING ON THE PACIFIC.

WE publish in another column the news that the United States Shipping Board has awarded to Mr. STANLEY DOLLAR and those associated with him in the tender, the five "President" liners now operated by the Pacific Mail Steamship Co. between San Francisco and Hongkong. Unless this decision is set aside on the appeal which has been made to the Administration, it may be taken as highly probable, if not absolutely certain, that it will mean the extinction of the Pacific Mail Steamship Co. which has a history reaching back very nearly eighty years. The news comes in the nature of a surprise, for it was recently reported that the Pacific Mail Co. had made the highest offer for the five ships. The figure was given as U.S.$6,750,000, while the bid of Mr. STANLEY DOLLAR and his associates was reported as U.S.$5,625,000. If these figures are correct it is to be inferred that there were other considerations that influenced a bare majority of the Shipping bid to accept the lower offer. What those considerations were we shall doubtless learn in due time. There is no indication of the grounds of appeal in the brief paragraph we publish, but we imagine there can be very slender prospect of the Administration reversing the decision of the Shipping Board. What this sale virtually means is that American trans-Pacific shipping will become a monopoly of the DOLLAR interests, who already own the seven round-the-world ships and operate the five Seattle liners. By the transfer to them of the five San Francisco ships they will thus own twelve large liners, and presumably they stand every chance of acquiring from the Shipping Board the five "President" liners the DOLLAR interests now operate from Seattle.

The passing of the Pacific Mail Co. will not be witnessed without regret on both sides of the Pacific. As we have said, the Company has a history extending over nearly eighty years. It was founded, to be exact, in 1848, and in those early days ran a line of steamers from New York to San Francisco, *viâ* the Straits of Magellan. On the completion of the Panama railway, between Aspinwall (Colon) on the Atlantic, and Panama, on the Pacific, in 1860, the steamers ran only from San Francisco to Panama, connecting with the Vanderbilt Line from Aspinwall to New York. In 1865 the Pacific Mail Co. purchased the Vanderbilt Line, and in the following year commenced to send boats between Shanghai and Yokohama, *viâ* the Inland Sea. In January 1867 the Company inaugurated a regular line of steamers from San Francisco to Hongkong. The pioneer ships—the *Colorado* and the *Great Republic*—were paddle-wheel steamers, but these were replaced by modern screw steamers as the demands of traffic increased, and in 1902 the building of the *Korea* and *Siberia*—ships of 18,000 tons—marked a new epoch in trans-Pacific shipping. In 1903-4 the Pacific Mail acquired the still larger steamers *Mongolia* and *Manchuria*, and these four ships in conjunction with the *China*, maintained a regular weekly schedule of sailings from Hongkong to San Francisco down to the time of the Great War. When in 1915 the old management of the Company announced the sale and withdrawal of their steamers from the Pacific, it was the only remaining line on the Pacific flying the Stars and Stripes. Naturally the people of America were so greatly stirred by this withdrawal, and after an interval of but six months the Pacific Mail Co. was reconstructed and the trans-Pacific service was renewed with the famous green ships of the *Ecuador* class, which continued to run until after the war when the American Government had to find employment for the great fleet of merchant shipping it had hurriedly built up, primarily for war transport service but with an eventual view to the creation of a national mercantile marine. Under contract with the United States Shipping Board the Pacific Mail Co. have been operating five of these great liners in the trans-Pacific service. It is these that have now been sold to a syndicate headed by Mr. STANLEY DOLLAR—a name which has become famous in the trans-Pacific Shipping world in recent years. The probable disappearance of a Company like the Pacific Mail with so long a history cannot be viewed without great regret, though in the circumstances in which it occurs, it is not likely to create either on the West Coast of America or in the Orient the same amount of consternation that the temporary withdrawal of the Company did in 1915. Then it was a case of the virtual disappearance of the Stars and Stripes from the trans-Pacific carrying trade. The pending change involves no catastrophe of that kind, for the ships now flying the American flag on the Pacific are practically certain to be maintained at full strength.

The English-speaking Society of Shanghai celebrated its first anniversary last Sunday.

A Chinese who was knocked down in Queen's Road Central, by a motor-car on Saturday, sustained a broken leg, and was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

The total rainfall to date from January 1st has been 18·81 inches, against an average of 6·92 inches.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending March 21st, amounted to 94,127 tons, and the sales during the period to 65,282 tons.

At the annual meeting of the Land Valuers Society at the Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd., on March 31st, Lieut.-Col. M. H. Logan, M.Inst.C.E., lectured upon the subject of Easements.

During the week-end, a raft, consisting of two American pine planks fastened together, two Chinese anchors (on the raft), two other anchors, 600 feet of rope and 30 drills, were stolen from the Netherlands Reclamation Works at North Point.

The return of notifiable diseases in the Colony for the 24 hours ended on April 3rd, shows 1 case each of diphtheria, enteric fever, and cerebro-spinal fever, all Chinese. The return for the 48 hours ended on April 5th shows 3 Chinese cases of small-pox.

A Chinese coolie, who was knocked down by a motor-cycle driven by Mr. A. J. Wadmore, of the P.W.D., at Jordan Road, Kowloon, has been sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital. The injured man was carrying a plank, and coming out of Park Street, ran into the machine.

The body of a Chinese, aged about 25 years, and wearing European style clothing, was discovered by a villager at Lui Kunk Lak, during the week-end, and the matter was immediately reported to the Sheung Shui Police. The man had apparently been badly handled, for his body bore several stab wounds.

A sensational shooting incident took place in Chapei, Shanghai, on the night of April 1st, when two Chinese detectives attached to the French Municipal Police and a member of the Chapei Volunteer Force were shot, one of the detectives being killed. The officers were attempting to round up a gang of alleged blackmailers.

Dr. Harry F. Ward, Professor of Christian Ethics in Union Seminary, New York City, who is on his way round the world, arrived in Shanghai on April 1st from Peking with the intention of giving a series of lectures on social and economic questions under the auspices of the National Self-Government Institute. Dr. and Mrs. Ward will remain in China until July.

The East Surrey Regiment—the 1st Battalion of which is stationed at Hongkong,—got 134 recruits last years out of the total of 355 enlisted at the depôt of the regiment at Kingston-on-Thames. The class of recruits was very good, both physically and educationally. In all 681 men were enlisted at Kingsgton. Towards the close of the year, Lieut. A. E. Cottam, M.C., will vacate the adjutancy of the 1st East Surreys at Hongkong, on completing three years in that position.

The benefit performance given by the Madeline Rossiter Company at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, last week, for the widow of one its members, Mr. Jack Bennetts, who was taken ill and died in Hongkong, when the Company were previously touring in the Colony, realised a gross total of $1,090. The sale of tickets amounted to $987, and the sale of programmes to $103. The total amount has been remitted by demand draft to the Variety Artistes Federation for payment to Mrs. Bennetts.

PLAYING SPACE FOR CHILDREN.

KOWLOON'S LACK OF IT.

Dr. J. C. MacGown has given notice of his intention to move the following resolution at to-day's meeting of the Sanitary Board:—"That, in view of the lack of space for children playing in Kowloon, the Board respectfully requests the Government to take steps to provide a suitable recreation ground in place of the present totally inadequate children's play ground in Chatham Road."

POLITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MISSIONARIES IN DANGER.

SHENKIU ATTACKED BY HONAN GOVERNMENT TROOPS.

PEKING ORDERS PROTECTION.

PEKING, April 6th.

The China Inland Mission Headquarters at Shanghai have wired to Peking, stating that Honan Government troops are attacking Shenkiu, where the C.I.M. Missionary, Rev. M. Tomkinson and his wife are stationed.

Rev. Mr. Tomkinson says their lives will be immediately forfeited by the resisting forces if the city falls.

A later wire states that the C.I.M. Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Ford, has reached Shenkiu, but the danger is intensified.

The British Legation has made representations to the Chinese Foreign Office in the matter.

The Chinese Office has wired to the Military Governor of Honan, urging him to take all possible steps for the protection of the Tomkinsons and other foreign lives and property in that district.

FOOCHOW STUDENTS.

FURTHER ARREST OF TROUBLE MAKERS' LEADERS.

PEKING, April 6th.

Four more ringleaders of the Students' Union at Foochow were arrested on Saturday by detectives, who were sent to protect the local Y.M.C.A., and caught the students in the act of threatening the Chinese Principal of the Y.M.C.A. School.

This action, following on the arrest of the two chief agitators, a few days ago, has made a most favourable impression among foreigners at Foochow, as indicating the determination on the part of the local authorities to put an end to the trouble.

[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN."]

REORGANISATION CONFERENCE.

THREE SEPARATE COMMITTEES TO BE FORMED.

PEKING, April 5th.

It is understood that when the Reorganisation Conference ends it will be converted into three branches, namely, Financial Readjustment and Military Reorganisation Committees, and a Provisional Assembly, under the Chairmanship, respectively, of Liang Shih Yi, Lo Kai Peng and Tang Yi.

FIGHTING IN HUNAN.

OUTBREAK IS NOW REPORTED IN WESTERN DISTRICT.

PEKING, April 5th.

Hsiao Yao Nan has wired to the Government stating that fighting is occurring at Chinshih, in Western Hunan.

Hupeh has appointed Lu Chin Shan Commandant of Border Defence in Western Hupeh.

The telegram adds that the majority of the militarists in Hupeh desire neutrality as regards a conflict between Chao Heng Ti and Hsiung Keh Wu, and wish to prevent the defeated troops of either side entering Hupeh.

LOCAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

PROCEEDS OF A.D.C. PERFORMANCE OF "FRENCH LEAVE."

Mrs. Holyoak, who is Vice-President of the Hongkong Ladies' Benevolent Fund, has received the following letter from the Honorary Treasurer of the Hongkong "A.D.C." and asks for its publication as an acknowledgment of the Society's sincere thanks to the "A.D.C." and Messrs. Anderson for their very generous assistance:—

Hongkong, April 2nd, 1925.

"Dear Mrs. HOLYOAK,—With reference to our performance of "French Leave" in aid of the Ladies' Benevolent Fund, I beg to inform you that the amount received from the sale of tickets, etc., together with some donations totalled $1,281.75. The expenses in connection with this special production came to $378.50, leaving a balance of $903.25, for which amount I beg to enclose cheque on behalf of the Hongkong A.D.C. I should like to add that Messrs. Anderson very kindly lent the piano free of charge and also waived their booking fees.—Yours faithfully,

HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB,
(sgd.) W. A. HANNIBAL,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer."

Mrs. Holyoak writes:—"The increase to our funds, which was badly needed, is most welcome and will be of inestimable value in relieving distress during this year."

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FRENCH FINANCIAL CRISIS.

VOLUNTARY CAPITAL LEVY IS POSSIBLE.

FISCAL INQUISITION IN DEFAULT.

PARIS, April 6th.

According to *Le Matin*, M. De Monzie intends to ask French citizens for a voluntary contribution of capital, bearing interest at 4 per cent. The Finance Minister will leave them free to subscribe in cash or bonds and will leave it to them to estimate the amount of their fortune.

"But if voluntary contributions should prove insufficient; those who have not paid spontaneously will run the risk of a fiscal inquisition.—*Havas.*

TO JOIN REPUBLICANS.

PARIS, April 6th.

M. Millerand has intimated that he will join the Republican Union group in the Senate. M. Poincaré is also a member of this group."

WEEK-END DELIBERATIONS.

PARIS, April 6th.

Ministerial deliberations over the week-end have assisted in the crystallisation of new financial measures, which will probably be tabled in the Chamber of Deputies to-morrow.

Le Matin gives the gist of M. De Monzie's proposals, indicating that a compulsory loan will be substituted for a capital levy.

An appeal will be made to the public to make a voluntary return of their individual fortunes. But, in the event of failure of the voluntary plan, Government will take steps to enforce accurate returns.

It is stated the loan will bear interest at 4 per cent.

SIGNIFICANT EVENT.

M. Millerand's decisive return to the Senate, on the first ballot, in the teeth of the greatest opposition from the Government coalition is a significant political event.

L'Ere Nouvelle, the Government organ, declares this may not presage catastrophe to the Government: but, it is undoubtedly a slap in the face.

On the contrary, the Opposition newspapers hail the event as the final collapse of M. Herriot.

M. Millerand, interviewed, stated that he intended to act not talk.

EARLIER CABLES.

THE PREMIER'S APPEAL.

PARIS, April 5th.

In the course of a speech at a Democratic banquet given in his honour at Fountainbleau, which was attended by 3,000 guests, Premier Herriot declared that rather than bow to the wishes of the wealthy interests, who desire to govern the country, he would appeal to the country and let the people fully realise the situation and judge for themselves.

This is taken to mean that Premier Herriot, if defeated on the financial question, will ask for the dissolution of the Chamber and fight an election on the financial policy and possibly some form of capital levy.

In the course of a fighting speech, Premier Herriot denounced the audacity of those blaming the present Government for France's financial difficulties. He showed that when he took office France's liabilities were 278 milliard francs, exclusive of foreign war debts. This had crippled the country's full freedom in either home or foreign policy. He then warmly defended the Government's policy for the restoration of sound finance.

SENATOR MILLERAND.

Later.

M. Millerand was elected to the Senate for the Department of the Seine, on the first ballot securing an absolute majority over the Government candidate, M. Autrand, and several others, including Socialists.

VATICAN COMPROMISE.

According to the newspapers, the members of the Left Democratic group oppose the Vatican compromise, and also the capital levy, to which the Rural and Radical Deputies are also opposed.

M. De Monzie is said not to favour the capital levy, but no vexatious measures will bring in the arrears in the tax on war profits.

The opinion prevails that the points of view of M. De Monzie and Premier Herriot may lead to a clash on Tuesday.

LATEST CABLES.

ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.

AWARDS FOR RESEARCH WORK IN THE WILDS.

LONDON, April 6th.

At the Royal Geographical Society's annual meeting, the President announced that H.M. the King had approved the award of Royal Medals as follows: Founder's Medal to Brigadier-General Bruce for lifelong geographical work in exploring the Himalayas, culminating in his leadership of the Everest expeditions; Patron's Medal to Mr. A. F. Wollaston for his explorations in Dutch New Guinea, Central Africa and many other parts of the world.

The Council awarded *inter alia* the Murchison Grant to Mr. Eric Teichman, C.I.E., for his travels in China and Tibet; while the Gill Memorial was awarded to Major Cheeseman for his journey across the deserts of Jafura and Jabrin.

[Mr. Eric Teichman, C.I.E., was educated at Charterhouse and Caius College, Cambridge; where he obtained his B.A. degree. He joined H.M. Consular Service in China in 1907, and since 1924 has been Chinese Secretary to H.M. Legation in Peking, and holds the rank of First Secretary in the Diplomatic Service. He was born on January 16th, 1884, and married, in 1921, Ellen Cecilia, widow of Major D. S. Niven, O.B.E., I.A.]

SIR MATTHEW NATHAN.

MAY SUCCEED TO PALESTINE POST AS COMMISSIONER.

LONDON, April 6th.

The *Daily Telegraph*'s diplomatic correspondent says that Sir Matthew Nathan is mentioned in some quarters as a possible successor to Sir Herbert Samuel, who is unlikely to seek renewal of office as High Commissioner in Palestine, which expires shortly.

BELGIAN ELECTIONS.

SOCIALIST GAINS ARE CHIEF FEATURES SO FAR.

BRUSSELS, April 6th.

The outstanding features of the elections so far are the Socialist gains, which are countrywide. The Catholics also have advanced. The Liberals apparently are the principal sufferers in both cases.

Definite results are not yet available.

GERMAN PRESIDENCY.

VON HINDENBURG REFUSES TO ACCEPT CANDIDATURE.

BERLIN, April 6th.

Marshal Von Hindenburg has declined candidature for the Presidency, and Dr. Jarres is once again the candidate of the Nationalist combine. His nomination is expected shortly.

EARLIER CABLES.

PRINCE OF WALES.

RECEIVES STIRRING WELCOME AT BATHURST.

BATHURST, April 5th.

H.M.S. *Repulse*, with the Prince of Wales on board has left for Sierra Leone.

The Prince of Wales made a triumphant tour of the streets of Bathurst, walking the last 100 yards to the quay through a throng of cheering natives.

LATEST CABLES.

WELCOME AT FREETOWN.

FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE, April 6th.

H.M.S. *Repulse* has arrived here in glorious weather. The Prince of Wales had a most enthusiastic reception on landing with the Governor. He passed through crowds cheering most heartily, meanwhile the guns of the battery boomed in salute.

EARLIER CABLES.

COPRA ON FIRE.

OUTBREAK ON TWO VESSELS AT GENOA.

LONDON, April 5th.

A message from Genoa states that about 2,000 bags of copra from the Dutch steamer *Simaloer* and the German steamer *Osamabara* caught fire, but the fire was extinguished.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY]

FRANCE AND CHINA.

AGREEMENT ON BOXER INDEMNITY TO BE SIGNED IN PEKING.

PARIS, April 6th.

With reference to the report that a Franco-Chinese agreement with regard to the French share of the Boxer Indemnity will be signed on April 15th, the *Quai D'Orsay* states negotiations, which were begun in Peking last autumn, have taken a very favourable turn which may well lead to the conclusion of an agreement before the end of the month. However, any announcement of signature or definite date is premature. Under any circumstances, the signature doubtless will occur at Peking not Paris.

C.-I.-C. CHINA STATION.

REAR-ADMIRAL ANDERSON WILL REPLACE SIR ALLAN EVERETT.

LONDON, April 6th.

Rear-Admiral David Anderson has been appointed Commander-in-Chief, China Station, temporarily, in succession to Vice-Admiral Sir Allan Everett. Rear-Admiral J. E. Cameron succeeds Rear-Admiral Anderson in the Yangtsze command.

[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN."]

TRAGEDY IN MANILA.

ARMY OFFICER SHOOTS YOUNG GIRL AFTER DANCE.

MANILA, April 5th.

Lieut. John S. Thompson, U.S. Army, killed Miss Audrey Burleigh, the 16-year-old stepdaughter of Captain Hamilton Calmes, U.S.A. Medical Corps.

Thompson took the girl for a motor ride after a dance, and upon the refusal of the girl to agree to marry him he fired five shots at her, three proving fatal. He then ordered the chauffeur to drive to Fort McKinley, where he surrendered.

A NICE DISTINCTION.

"A LONG OVERDUE PUBLIC APOLOGY."

LONDON, March 14th.

A West African newspaper publishes the Clifford-Leverhulme correspondence.

Sir Hugh Clifford, as Governor, entertained Lord Leverhulme on January 10th, but, writing to Lord Leverhulme on January 11th, he recalled Lord Leverhulme's 1922 charges and Sir Hugh Clifford's replies thereto. He accordingly declined Lord Leverhulme's dinner invitation, saying: "It gave me great pleasure to entertain you last night. One is always glad to welcome a distinguished visitor to Nigeria." After expressing surprise that it should have occurred to Lord Leverhulme that either as an individual or as a responsible official he would accept hospitality from Lord Leverhulme until a long overdue apology was made, Sir Hugh Clifford's letter reiterates that he cannot be Lord Leverhulme's guest now or at any future time until and unless the apology due his Government and himself has been publicly offered.

QUESTION RAISED IN COMMONS.

LONDON, March 16th.

In the House of Commons, Commander Kenworthy asked why Sir Hugh Clifford's request to publish the correspondence between Lord Leverhulme and himself was refused.

The Hon. W. Ormsby-Gore said that Colonel Amery had informed Sir Hugh Clifford that he deprecated the prolongation of the controversy by such publication, as no further vindication of Sir Hugh Clifford's position appeared necessary. He added that the correspondence, which was now published fully in the newspaper *West Africa*, was not communicated by Colonel Amery, whose only previous knowledge of it was a brief summary in a telegram from Sir Hugh Clifford.

Commander Kenworthy asked how it was right for Sir Hugh Clifford to entertain Lord Leverhulme, and wrong for him to accept hospitality in return.

The Hon. W. Ormsby-Gore said he did not think it was for him or the House to settle points of social procedure between a visitor and a local Governor. (Cheers.)

NEW NAMES IN RUSSIA.

Another evidence of revolutionary culture is indicated in the appearance at Rostov-on-Don of a new book called "The New Christian Names." In this book the author brings forward 300 new Christian names which have come into use since the revolution. Naturally, many of the old Russian names are those of saints and other devout people. Of these the author makes great fun. The newest names are mostly derived from Lenin or other revolutionary leaders. These include Ninel, Vil, Vilen, Lenul (all corruptions of Lenin's names and initials), Rosa (Rosa Luxemburg), Lunarschara (Lunarscharski), Marxina (Marx), Engfried (Friedrich Engels), and Bucharina (Bucharin). Many girl babies have had the name Ideya (Idea) given to them.

"TEST" CRICKET ECHO.

ENGLISH CAPTAIN INTERVIEWED.

COMMENTS ON THE TOUR.

"And so, Mr. Gilligan, the Fifth Test match being completed, I suppose all interest in your tour is at an end."

"Don't you make any mistake," replied the English captian. "The tour will always be regarded as one of the very greatest interest to us."

"Have you done as well in the test matches as you expected?"

"No. We have not. I think we have struck more great Australian batsmen in their best form than we anticipated. I knew very well that there was a galaxy of talent in Australia, but all these fellows have come off, and all of ours have not. I think that on the hard, true wickets of Australia the present Australian batsmen are as successful as ever I have known them to be, but like England, Australia has not been able to build up an all-round side equal to the combinations of a couple of decades ago."

NOT PLAYED UP TO EXPECTATIONS.

"And so your men have not come up to your expectations, and have not played up to their reputations?"

"Some of them have not. In the fielding department we could not very well have improved upon our showing, and, but for its excellence, I am afraid we would have had much longer outings in the field. Probably no test side has made fewer mistakes in the field than we have made. Our returning to the wickets has been most remarkable. I doubt whether Strudwick has ever kept wicket better than during the tour. What has surprised me has been our bowling, which was considered our weak spot, and when I experienced Australian wickets for the first time, whether made of the Harvey River, Athelstone, Merri Creek, or Bulli soil, I was almost prepared to find our bowling less effective than it was. Fortunately I had many fine hard workers, and no one so willing as Maurice Tate, who bowled all through the tour as though inspired, and except for that temporary disablement at Adelaide has been Herculean in his efforts."

"Then it was your batting which was the disappointing department in the test matches?"

"In some cases it was so. It was so often its unevenness. Herbert Sutcliffe exceeded our expectations, though we knew that he was most likely to come off his first test ordeal with flying honours, and he will further improve. The county of Yorkshire makes a successful cricketer. There is no half-way measure about the making up. To the end of the fourth test match he and Jack Hobbs scored more than nine runs out of every 20 made by our side, and I quite anticipated that Frank Woolley, Jack Hearne, and Andrew Sandham would be quite as consistent and productive as bastmen as Hobbs and Sutcliffe. It is all in cricket that they have not, and we have suffered through it. Had our bastmen lived up to their English reputations, made in not merely one season, but practically ever since the war, our scoring was bound to be as high as that of the Australian batsmen."

PLACING THE FIELD.

"Have you experienced any difficulty in placing your field for the Australian batsmen?"

"Not as a rule. Certainly it has required plenty of brain work to cope with the cleverness, and in some cases the unorthodoxy of the batsmen. The frequency of the square-leg stroke has some times surprised me, and in cases set me wondering. The dead straight ball would be often sent right off the wicket to square leg, and on English wickets, where the ball so often does a "bit," the operation would be fraught with hazard, but, taking it all round, I do not think I have varied my field from my usual course."

THE CRICKET GROUNDS.

"What do you think of the Australian grounds and wickets?"

"Wherever we have played the grounds have been quite equal to many of our grounds in England, but the Sydney Cricket Ground is incomparable. I like the beauties of the Adelaide Oval, but at once the Melbourne Ground captivated me, and when I saw the Sydney Cricket Ground I was almost spellbound. At Sydney I should like to see some special seats in one of the stands for players, as there are in Melbourne, but that is only a little thing, and ingoing batsmen like to be out of the sunlight before their turn comes along. There is a bigger proportion of skylight at Sydney.

THE AUSTRALIAN SPECTATOR.

"Have you been worried or annoyed by the behaviour of the crowds?"

"Not a little bit. I think they are splendid crowds, and the spectators appear to know more about the finer points of the game than is often the case in the large industrial cities of England. The Australian spectator, who corresponds with the gallery man in the theatre, is a happy fellow, and his gratuitous advice, his cheers, his groans, and his little bits of personal reference amuse him, and act as salt to an egg for the players. All the Australian crowds have been very fair-minded. I have no complaint in the slightest against the Australian barracker, and I have enjoyed his digs just as much as he enjoyed making them. There is one thing about the Australian crowds that I noticed, and that was the preponderance of ladies who have attended the games wherever we have been playing. I think the presence of ladies at cricket matches should be very much encouraged. I saw many ladies knitting and making jumpers, and looking on at the cricket all the time."

QUESTION OF LUCK.

"In the test matches one frequently sees a preponderance of luck on one side or the other. How have you been affected?"

"Luck has entered into our engagements little, but what one may consider luck another does not, and cricket is such a fascinating game that we really take the bad luck with the good luck, and in course of time it all works out as fifty-fifty. Why worry?"

"You have had a good time in Australia?"

(*Continued on next Column*).

"TRAPS FOR BAD STATESMEN."

SIR IAN HAMILTON AND OBLIGATIONS TO FIGHT.

General Sir Ian Hamilton, speaking at the annual conference of the East Anglian area of the British Legion, held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, London, said the British Legion was gaining ground steadily in scattered and agricultural districts, and the main reason was that it was a better medium than any which had hitherto been discovered for the cultivation of comradeship and intercourse. In the industrialised districts, where there was quite enough intercourse already, the Legion was not gaining ground. The main reason was that, as the Pensions Regulations tended to become more and more stereotyped, there was not so much scope to score points on behalf of the ill-used ex-Service men.

"We can put a stamp of our own on any work we undertake," he added, "because we are more determined than any other body of public opinion to keep our country out of entering into any obligations to fight for other people. We are prepared to insist that the lives of our sons should not be pledged in advance by any diplomatist. We realise the camouflage of words like 'Pact,' 'Protocol,' 'Defence,' 'Security.' If you boil them down to the bone you will find at the bottom of your saucepan an obligation to fight, which is to be hung by us round the necks of youngsters who, when the day of reckoning comes but for that would never have fought.

"Of these traps for bad statesmen the most dangerous of the lot is 'security.' Nothing short of a constant sense of insecurity will keep certain men or certain nations even tolerably decent and, as no one knows himself, very possibly we are the same. Certainly our American colonists were charming until we made them 'secure' against French Canada. Then, in the most rude manner, they threw our tea into the sea. No one need be afraid that England will refuse to help people who are being bullied, but whether they are being bullied or whether they deserve all they are getting is for their contemporaries to judge and not for us."

"I was warned that I would, but I do not know how we can ever return the kindness shown to us. It does not matter where we have been. Big cities and small cities contain the same kind of people, and they all have the same sized heart. The hospitality has been so spontaneous, and so unostentatious. We have been delighted to have had the opportunity to visit several schools, and come in personal contact with the boys, and I have been pleased to see how well they take to cricket. All the members of the team have been inundated with the kindliest messages, and where it has been possible the letters have been answered. I like Australia, and I like the people on and off the cricket field. It is the first time I have been to Australia, but all my colleagues, who have been here before me, tell me that they all go away with the same feeling about Australia as I possess. Australia is a country well worth becoming the new home of the hundreds of thousands who want to live an out-door life, and there really should not be any difficulty to get the desirable class of people. The Australians I have met have all played cricket, and after all that is life."

TRAVELLING.

"Have you found the travelling irksome?"

"On the whole, the best facilities possible have been provided us. The most comfortable journey was from Melbourne to Adelaide where there was no changing of trains, and where the smooth running was so noticeable. It was only when I was in South Africa with the last M.C.C. team that I learned what long distance travelling was, and there the longest journey I made was the 1,000 miles from Johannesburg to Capetown."

PRACTICE FACILITIES.

"Have the facilities for practice been all that you could have desired?"

"Yes. Everything that could be done for us was provided in most centres. We have sometimes had the use of ground bowlers, and some club bowlers have bowled to us, but most of our practice pitches have been a good deal slower than the match pitches, probably owing to the necessary use of much water to keep them in order. When we have wanted practice we have generally been able to get plenty."

"So, altogether, you have a fine opinion of the country, its people and its cricketers?"

"Undoubtely. We have enjoyed everything except losing the test rubber. We have enjoyed the society of the fellows we have met on the cricket field at the various grounds, and the officials, who have done everything to make us quite comfortable. The hotels have usually been right up to concert pitch, and I have found the theatres and picture houses quite up to the standard of many London places of amusement, and in some instances I have never seen better."

"NOT DOWN-HEARTED."

"We are not downhearted at our failure to secure the ashes," said Gilligan in conclusion. "With the exception of the last match, we put up a good fight, and we are looking forward to the Australians' tour in England, in 1926. I will not attempt to forecast the result of the Australians' tour then, but England will be eager to cross swords with her sporting opponents once again. I feel sure England will make a very good showing in the next series of tests."—Captain E. W. Ballantine in the *Brisbane Courier*.

BRITAIN'S UNEMPLOYED.

MR. AMERY ON EMPIRE SETTLEMENT.

LONDON, March 7th.

The Hon. Philip Collier, Premier and Colonial Treasurer of Western Australia, was welcomed to London yesterday at a luncheon at the Hotel Cecil, presided over by the Hon. Hal P. Colebatch (Agent-General for Western Australia), and attended by Mr. Amery (Colonial Secretary), Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, and Mr. J. H. Thomas.

Mr. Amery, submitting the toast of "The Premier of Western Australia," said their guest was welcomed by His Majesty's Government and by His Majesty's Opposition, who saw in Mr. Collier one who had made his mark in Australia and was destined to make a yet greater mark. He came from a State 10 times larger than this country in area, and he was from one of the "Great Empties" that was crying for men to explore and develop its great natural wealth. To what extent it was possible for the English people to assist Western Australia was a problem with many difficulties. The men and women could be sent, but it was not always possible to make the necessary contributions. Life in the old country was very different from life in a new world. Apart from those trained on the land, only the younger and more adaptable would always be relied upon to make a success in a new country. One of the essential conditions of co-operation between this country and the British country overseas was that they should aim in encouraging only those to go who were going to succeed. It was only on these conditions they could be fair to the Dominions and fair to the young people encouraged to go. The responsibility was just as great towards those sent as towards those who remained. There was no justification to send out merely with the idea of getting rid of responsibilities, and not to care what became of those who went out. All parties in the States recognized that emigration ought not to be a device for shirking responsibilities to the unemployed in this country, but must be a scheme based on what was good for every one concerned. There must be initial capital. The man who brought his own capital was generally more careful than the man settled with someone else's capital. Within the last few days a scheme started for encouraging young men to go to Western Australia, in harmony with proposals made by Mr. Thomas, had been considerably advanced. (Cheers).

Mr. J. H. Thomas, referring to the fact that Mr. Collier came from the Labour Party, said this welcome was characteristic of the spirit that would pull this country through its difficulties. It was characteristic of this old country that though there were political differences, and differences on great fundamental questions, yet when the future and wellbeing of the British Commonwealth was the issue, the world must understand that the differences which may separate men and parties could be brushed aside, and all would stand four-square against the wind. (Cheers). The question of emigration was not only a difficult but an urgent problem which could not be solved by ignoring obvious facts.

Mr. Collier, responding to the toast, said he was realizing the ambition of his life, to see the heart of the British Commonwealth. He contrasted the development of the United States with the slower development of Western Australia. The difference was partly attributable to America being a little nearer home, but when he regarded the wealth and variety of the natural resources of his own State, he saw no reason why its future prosperity should not equal that of any land to which the sons of England had gone. Referring to emigration, he advocated most strongly county associations. He had seen the plan at work, and could say without any exception that he had heard of no individual complaint and of no one who regretted having come out under this system. In conclusion, he made a humorous reference to the scene in the House of Commons on the previous day which he witnessed. It seemed quite familiary, and when he heard Mr. Ramsay MacDonald referring to the Standing Orders, he recalled that they were the same regulations as used in Western Australia, except for one addition. In his State it was the rule that when there was no regulation to meet a point, the practice of the English House of Commons governed. (Cheers).

"TRY THE DOMINIONS."

NEW MIGRATION MOVE.

An influential movement has been started to induce middle-class British families to settle in the Dominions, instead of living on the Continent, for the sake of economy.

The aim of the Empire Community Movement is to provide a practical scheme for giving special facilities to people of leisure, but small means, now living on the Continent, to find within the Empire better conditions for themselves and their children, says Sir Roland Bourne, secretary of a committee, which includes Lord Meston, Lord Gorell, Lady Frances Ryder, General Maxwell, and Sir Henry McMahon.

The Overseas Settlement Committee approves of the movement.

"Each committeeman represents some particular service, profession or organization likely to be interested in the movement," continued Sir Roland Bourne. "Other influential bodies, including the Rhodes trustees, have been invited to join. Many meetings of the British residents have been held in towns on the French and Italian Rivieras, explaining the movement.

"We believe that thousands of members of the professional classes will welcome the opportunity of establishing themselves in the Dominions, in company with others of similar tastes and outlook, where they can supplement their present incomes in congenial occupations, such as poultry and fruit-farming, and their children can grow up in the Dominions under healthier conditions, where excellent educational facilities generally are available."

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MR. JOHN LANE.

A FAMOUS PUBLISHER.

Mr. John Lane, whose death occurred on February 3rd, was the famous publisher of the Bodley Head, who, first introduced to the public many writers and artists who have since become famous.

The son of Lewes and Mary Grace Lane, born at West Putford, North Devon, on March 14th, 1854, and educated at Chulmleigh, he had always been something of a conoisseur in belles-lettres and objects of art, and he turned to publishing from clerical life in the Railway Clearing House in which he had been engaged since coming to London after leaving school. He made his mark as a publisher in the "Naughty Nineties," the days of the "Yellow Book," which he founded in 1894, of Aubrey Beardsley, and the minor poets. With Elkin Mathews, whom he knew as a bookseller in Exeter, he started the publishing business in Vigo-street under the sign of the Bodley Head, Bodley being chosen as the patron saint because, as he explained in his reprint of "The Life of Sir Thomas Bodley," Bodley was not only the most pious of founders, but also "one of the most notable worthies of Devon, my native county."

SEARCH FOR TALENT.

The seven years of this partnership, in which John Lane was the enterprising spirit, witnessed the publication of the works of many budding poets under the imprint of the Bodley Head—John Davidson, William Watson, Richard Le Gallienne, and others, besides Oscar Wilde and the "Yellow Book." When the partnership was dissolved and Lane moved to the opposite side of the road, where he had chambers at the Albany, he took with him the sign of the Bodley Head and most of the young poets and artists with whom he had been associated. Here he continued the search for original and sometimes daring talent, both in art and in literature, which characterized his house to the present day. Probably no living publisher has introduced so many authors and artists to the public. Besides those mentioned, he issued the first or early works of, for example, Lionel Johnson, Ernest Dowson, "George Egerton," Francis Coutts, Mrs. Meynell, Mrs. Woods, Francis Thompson, Theodore Watts-Dunton, Edmund Gosse, Max Beerbohm, Kenneth Grahame, H. G. Wells, Arnold Bennett, W. J. Locke, Henry Harland, and Stephen Leacock.

ARTISTS' EARLY WORK.

Lane always prided himself as much on his illustrations as on his literary discoveries. He produced some of the early work of such artists as Strang, Edmund Dulac, Charles Ricketts, D. Y. Cameron, Will Rothenstein, and Edmund New; and the cartoons and sketches of Charles Dana Gibson were at one time a regular feature of his autumn publishing season. H. H. Fish and Donald Maxwell were among the later artists associated with his books. He was a great admirer of Anatole France, and was the first to bring his works to the notice of the British public. He also published Emile Cammaerts's poems during the war.

COLLECTION OF LETTERS.

Naturally Lane possessed a rich collection of letters from a host of celebrities, and he hoped some day to make use of these in a contemplated volume of personal reminiscences which would have thrown considerable light on the literary and artistic history of the last 30 odd years. We believe, however, that he had only completed a portion of this autobiography. Besides occasional letters to *The Times* on various topics of art and literature, he wrote a privately printed memoir of Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke in 1905, as well as the introduction to his reprint of "The Life of Sir Thomas Bodley" in 1904; and compiled a number of bibliographies, including those attached to Le Gallienne's "George Meredith" and "Rudyard Kipling," and Lionel Johnson's "Thomas Hardy," all of which appeared under the Bodley Head imprint. He was a great collector of first editions, pictures representative of all schools and ages, but particularly 18th century portraits; old glass, antique furniture, and prints. His publishing office and his private house—meeting-places of both literary and artistic celebrities from all parts of the world—bear witness to his life-long zeal in this connection.

AMERICAN BRANCH.

In the spring of 1921 Mr. Lane converted his business into a private limited liability company, of which he himself acted as chairman, his manager, Mr. B. W. Willett, joining the directorate. The other directors of the company, now called "John Lane, The Bodley Head, Ltd.," were Mr. Ronald Boswell, Mr. J. H. Crocket, and Mr. H. Carr-Comm. An American branch which he opened in 1905 had already become the John Lane Company, of New York, and this remained a corporation entirely independent of the English firm until the spring of 1922, when he wound it up, all the copyrights of the American house of the John Lane Company being taken over by Messrs. Dodd, Mead & Co.

Mr. Lane married in 1898, Annie E. King, widow of Tyler Batchellor King, LL.D., of Boston, U.S.A., and daughter of the late Julius Eichberg, director of the Boston Conservatory of Music. Mrs. John Lane is the author of "The Champagne Standard," "According to Maria," and quite a number of other popular books issued from the Bodley Head. She also wrote the words of the American national hymn, "To Thee, O Country," set to music by her father, and has translated works from the French of Anatole France and the German of Ossip Schubin.

SILK WATERPROOFS.

Lancashire manufacturers have succeeded in waterproofing various silks, including crêpe de chine, and are now producing raincoats in the brightest colours. Satin raincoats cost from 8 to 10 guineas each. Those of Japanese silk are priced at 9½ 8½.

THE NIGHTCAP.

AN OLD-TIME HABIT QUAINTLY DISCUSSED.

The following humorous discussion of the virtues or otherwise of nightcaps is from the pen of a writer in the London *Daily Telegraph*:—

Out of a large experience of medicine and war a correspondent has just advised us to believe that our grandfathers "knowed something, too" when they were careful to wear night-caps. His thesis is that the modern cult of fresh air has become a fanaticism, and that to keep the body warm with quilt and hot-water bottle, leaving "head and neck icy cold," is to defy the rule of reason. We confess that we are impressed by the argument from night-caps. It is an axiom that no habit or fashion ever becomes general and endures unless some advantage is gained by it. This is not to say that all the persistent fashions have been reasonable and justified, but that they were not merely fantastic—that they did provide for a felt want. Now the night-cap was worn through many centuries by all Europe. Chaucer knew all about it five hundred years ago. When the gentleman in the Merchant's Tale sits up in bed, he has his night-cap on.

Mr. Boswell remarked how queer Johnson looked "with his little black wig on the top of his head instead of a night-cap." But the most famous of night-caps is that which Mr. Pickwick wore in his adventure at the Great White Horse. We are informed that it had a tassel, which seems to have been usual, and strings, which were rather a matter of individual taste. Mr. Pickwick must have looked very well in it. Whether the middle-aged lady looked equally well when she put that "muslin night-cap with a small plaited border" over her yellow curl-papers, it would be wrong to speculate. Mr. Pickwick was the more embarrassed of the two, which, to be sure, proves nothing. "I am almost ready to sink, Ma'am, beneath the confusion of addressing a lady in my night-cap (here the lady hastily snatched off hers), but I can't get it off, Ma'am (here Mr. Pickwick gave it a tremendous tug, in proof of the statement)."

But soon after that memorable mishap night-caps went out. "In vain Macaulay assured the mid-Victorians that the most complete distinction he knew was between the two kinds of sleep, "the one with your night-cap, the other without it." The cause was lost. A generation was rising which thought night-caps as ridiculous as the bed-curtains into which Mr. Pickwick in the picture has retired. And no doubt Colonel Beevor is right in his diagnosis that the cult of fresh air is the destroying force. But when irreverent youth holds that its ancestors were a frowsty folk, it has not done them justice. Mr. Pickwick, we fear, shut his window at night and drew the bed-curtains, but it is certain that his room was much chillier and much draughtier than those in our houses. Our modern love of fresh air is inspired by rooms which are scientifically heated. That our bare heads are any cooler than those which Macaulay and Mr. Pickwick covered with night-caps is not proven.

NO LOVE IN RUSSIA.

"BENEATH THE DIGNITY OF TRUE PROLETARIANS."

Eros has been banished for ever from Soviet Russia, writes a Warsaw correspondent. A statement to this effect, made by a well-known Moscow psychologist, Professor Telegin, is published in a leading Moscow monthly. Professor Telegin maintains that love in the old meaning of this word, the love glorified throughout the ages by knights and poets, has disappeared from Russia. He says that just as it would be impossible for anybody to walk through the streets of Moscow in evening dress and silk hat, except in carnival, so it would be to carry on the old-fashioned style of courting in affairs of the heart. Love of the type is now regarded simply as a morbid condition. Sonnets, serenades and sentimental sighing for the fair sex belong to the past in Russia, the youth of which regard love as a matter of second importance, beneath the dignity of true proletarians. Boys and girls discuss sex problems openly, without any sentiment.

Nor is the free love a success in Russia, as the Communist experiments have proved. Soviet Russia, according to Professor Telegin, stands for a sober, matter-of-fact marriage, devoid of any infatuation, a marriage as easily contracted as divorced.

SIR JOHN MOORE'S FAMILY.

LAST LINEAL DESCENDANT.

The last lineal descendant of Sir John Moore's family, Miss Mary Carrick Moore, has died at the age of 87. She always cultivated a veneration for her famous great-uncle and his brother, Admiral Sir Graham Moore, and, with her accustomed generosity, gave their portraits by Lawrence to the National Portrait Gallery; not long ago she presented valuable relics of Sir John to the United Service Institution and to the Officers' Mess and Museum at Shorncliffe. Her father, the late Mr. John Carrick Moore, was a lifelong student of natural science at a time when few country gentlemen were interested in such pursuits; he became a Fellow of the Royal Society.

Miss Moore herself preserved into these noisy days the manners and habits of the early Victorians, to the delight of all who knew her. In her quiet way she was a great supporter of good works in the parish of St. Peter's, Eaton-square, and at Cobham in Surrey, and formerly at Corsewall in Wigtownshire, where she had her country homes. She has left behind the fragrant memory of an unworldly and faithful character.

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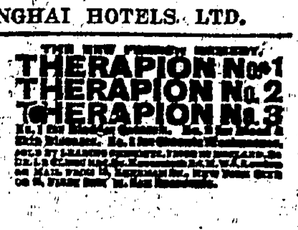

SCOTTISH SPORT.

SCOTLAND WINS THREE INTERNATIONALS.

GREAT RUGGER VICTORY.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

EDINBURGH, March 4th.

The perfervid Scot and the Irishman,—who, of course, is nothing if not perfervid,—found plenty of excitement in the sporting activities of their countries last Saturday, international encounters being arranged on no fewer than three fields. In Dublin the Rugby fifteens met, in Belfast the Association elevens, in Glasgow the ladies' hockey international, and in all the games the Scottish teams were victors.

By defeating Ireland at Dublin in Rugby by 14 points to 8 Scotland came a stage nearer winning the International Championship. This makes the coming meeting between Scotland and England at Edinburgh the contest of the year. It was a magnificently fought match, both sides playing with the greatest keenness and zest. The pace was a hot one from the start, play swinging from end to end with suddenness and uncertainty. Midway through the second period Scotland increased her half-time lead of 5 points by another goal, from a try gained by D. J. MacMyn as the result of some wonderful passing initiated by J. B. Nelson from a mistake by G. V. Stephenson. The ball passed along the whole three-quarter line with the exception of L. S. Smith, and thence by way of H. Waddell and A. C. Wallace to J. W. Scott, and finally to the scorer. It was a magnificent piece of combined work by the backs, together with intelligent backing up by the forwards, the movement starting from inside the Scottish "25" line. Then came a snatch try by H. W. Stephenson for Ireland from a line out, at which the scorer threw out the ball and took it himself. With only two points between the teams—W. E. Crawford had converted the score with a splendid kick from the touch line—Scotland, far from cracking up or slackening her efforts, played up in wonderful style and attacked hotly. A couple of likely scores by I. S. Smith were saved by desperate Irish tackling, and then from a scrum under the posts H. Waddell put the issue out of doubt by dropping a smart goal. Scotland well deserved her win; even allowing for the fact that Ireland had rather more of the game territorially, there was a greater quickness and incisiveness about the play of the Scots, while their defence, about which considerable qualms had been felt, was very sound. At the commencement of the second half, when the Irish attack was of the hottest, and also for a time in the first half, it was only desperate defence and tackling by all the team which saved the situation. It was noticeable, too, that the Scottish side appeared to last the tremendous pace on a somewhat heavy ground better than their opponents, several of whom showed signs of distress in the closing critical stages. Ireland, on the other hand, lacked in initiative and opportunism, particularly among the back division, and their defence was liable to get in a tangle against the attacks of the Scottish three-quarters, while their forwards were prone to kick too hard in the loose, and thus allow the Scottish defence time to clear. It was a battle royal between the packs. In the early stages Ireland got the ball frequently in the scrums, but the Scots, who all worked tremendously hard, wore them down, and in the end were getting the ball, thanks to J. C. H. Ireland's hooking skill, in nearly every scrum.

The Scottish team.—D. Drysdale (Heriotonians), A. G. Wallace (Oxford University), G. G. Aitken (Oxford University), J. C. Dykes (Glasgow Academicals), and I. S. Smith (Oxford University). H. Waddell (Glasgow Academicals) and J. B. Nelson (Glasgow Academicals). J. M. Bannerman (Glasgow High School F.P.), J. C. R. Buchanan (Stewartonians), D. S. Davies (Hawick), R. Howie (Kirkcaldy). J. H. Ireland (Glasgow High School F.P.), D. J. MacMyn (Cambridge University), J. W. Scott (Stewartonians), and J. R. Paterson (Birkenhead Park).

CLUB RESULTS.

Glasgow High School, 6; West of Scotland, 0.
Glasgow Academicals, 12; Greenock Wanderers, 5.
R.H.S. (F.P.), 0; Heriot's (F.P.), 31.
Watsonians, 8; Jedforest, 0.
Edinburgh University, 36; Kelvinside Acads., 0.
Selkirk, 5; Edinburgh Acads., 3.
Melrose, 9; Stewart's College, 3.
Hawick, 11; Edinburgh Institution, 9.
Kelso, 9; Edinburgh Wanderers, 3.

ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL.

At no period of the Association International between Ireland and Scotland at Belfast, was the issue of the game ever in doubt. The Scots, despite the heavy ground, played even better than they did against Wales a few weeks ago, and the result of three clear goals in their favour did not flatter them in the least extent. Even the most prejudiced Irishman must be forced to admit that the Caledonians did not exert the utmost pressure at their disposal during the second half, which was scoreless. In both speed and ball control the Scots were infinitely superior. As the result of this game, the big event of the Association year will be the contest for the Championship between England and Scotland.

THE LEAGUE.

A heavy week's programme in the League brought out some interesting results, the draw between the two leaders, Rangers and Airdrieonians being outstanding. It was a gruelling but sportsmanlike contest, and pleased the large public who are not partizans of either club, as it leaves the destiny of the Flag still in doubt. Hibs. lost all chance of contesting the Championship. Heart of Midlothian managed to get out of the danger zone. Dundee lost two valuable

(*Continued on next Column*).

WEATHER REPORT.

April 6th at 18.0.—Pressure has increased slightly over Japan and Formosa. It has decreased slightly over China and Indo-China, and is nearly stationary over the Philippines.

The anticyclone has weakened slightly and spread eastward.

Fresh to strong monsoon will continue along the S.E. coast of China and over the north part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, April 6th 0.29 inch. Total since January 1st, 18.81 inches, against an average of 6.97 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, April 7th is as follows:—

DISTRICT	FORECAST
Formosa Channel	N.E. winds, strong to fresh.
Hongkong to Gap Rock	N.E. winds, fresh; overcast, drizzle or mist.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks	do.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan	do.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, April 6th

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer ...	30.05	30.08	30.06
Temperature ...	57	57	57
Humidity ...	78	81	84
Wind Direction...	NNE	E	E
" Force " ...	2	3	4
Weather	0	0	0
Rain	1.06	0.00	0.32

Highest open-air Temperature on 5th ... 58
Lowest open-air Temperature on 6th ... 57

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From April 7th to 13th, 1925.

Days of Week.	Days of Month.	High Water. H'kong. Standard Time.	High Water. Height.	Low Water. H'kong. Standard Time.	Low Water. Height.
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Tues.	7	m 8 33	5 2	m 2 19	1 5
		8 12 a	6 4	2 6 a	2 5
Wed.	8	m 8 52	5 5	m 2 46	1 5
		8 32 a	6 5	2 45 a	2 1
Thur.	9	m 9 18	5 8	m 3 14	1 5
		9 34 a	6 4	3 25 a	1 6
Fri.	10	m 9 40	6 2	m 3 44	1 8
		10 18 a	6 0	4 8 a	1 3
Satur.	11	m 10 22	6 4	m 4 15	2 1
		11 16 a	5 5	4 55 a	1 1
Sun.	12	m 10 57	6 6	m 4 48	2 5
				5 51 a	1 2
Mon.	13	m 0 12	5 0	m 5 24	3 0
		m 11 35	6 6	6 35 a	1 3

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Agammenon (Blue Funnel), due April 8th.
Automedon (Blue Funnel), due on or about April 30th.
Calchas (Blue Funnel), due on or about April 15th.
Diomed (Blue Funnel), due on or about April 27th.
Empress of Asia (C.P.R.), due April 21st.
Empress of Australia (C.P.R.), due April 12th.
Hakozaki Maru (N.Y.K.), due April 20th.
Hakusan Maru (N.Y.K.), due May 4th.
Menelaus (Blue Funnel), due on or about April 13th.
Mentor (Blue Funnel), due on or about April 15th.
Mishima Maru (N.Y.K.), due April 15th.

points to Celtic. Motherwell, Aberdeen, and Hamilton were all on the down grade, and will have to fight hard to escape relegation.

Dundee United again won, and lead the second division.

HOCKEY.

The Scottish ladies had a well deserved victory—5 to 2—over the Irish representatives.

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TIENTSIN ...	"CHEONGSHING"	Saturday,	11th Apr.,	Noon.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW ...	"TAKSANG"	..Sunday,	12th Apr.,	7 a.m.
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW ...	"LEESANG"	..Sunday,	13th Apr.,	10 a.m.
KOBE via AMOY & MOJI ...	"FOOKSANG"	...Monday,	13th Apr.,	7 a.m.
TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI ...	"KWONGSANG"	...Wednesday,	15th Apr.,	7 a.m.
SANDAKAN ...	"HINSANG"	...Wednesday,	16th Apr.,	Noon.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA ...	"KUTSANG"	..Thursday,	16th Apr.,	3 p.m.
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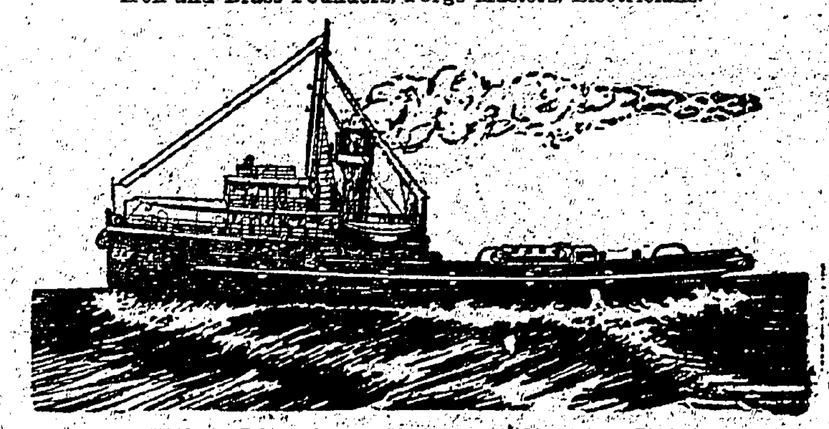

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Astyanax, British str., 3,021 tons, Capt. J. Power, from Otaru, which port she left on March 30th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A32.—B. & S.

City of Bombay, British str., 5,354 tons, Capt. Pemberthy, from New York and Manila. The latter port she left on April 2nd, with a general cargo, lying at Holt's wharf.—B. & S.

Glenaffer, British str., 6,021 tons, Capt. H. J. Henderson, from Shanghai, which port she left on April 2nd, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A2.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Hsinwoh, from Canton, lying at C.M.S.N. wharf.

Kaying, British str., 1,572 tons, Capt. G. A. Morse, from Bangkok and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B11.—B. & S.

Lok Nam, British str., 1,045 tons, Capt. J. F. McCaw, from Saigon, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. G45. —Yuen Shing Fat.

Miike Maru, Japanese str., 1,958 tons, Capt. T. Sone, from Tailay Bay, with a cargo of lime stone, lying at Kowloon Bay.—Geo. Grimble & Co.

Mainzerland, German str., 3,864 tons, Capt. W. Hennecke, from Shanghai, which port she left on April 2nd, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A8.—Arnhold & Co.

Nanking Maru, Japanese str., 3,153 tons, Capt. H. Egura, from Dairen, with a general cargo, lying at Stonecutters.—O.S.K.

Oostkerk, Dutch str., 8,048 tons, Capt. J. N. H. Guntherdeohr, from Manila, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf.—J.C.J.L.

Tonjer,o from Canton, lying at Stonecutters.

Tjibadas, Dutch str., 2,998 tons, Capt. E. H. Hillegaart, from Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A10.—J.C.J.L.

Tjikembang, Dutch str., 5,028 tons, Capt. E. H. Kroes, from Sourabaya, with a general cargo, lying at Stonecutters.—J.C.J.L.

West Kader, American str., 3,465 tons, Capt. L. Oetting, from Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A25.

April 6th.

Albert Vogler, German str., 3,414 tons, Capt. W. Ziegenmeyer, from Shanghai, which port she left on April 3rd, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A4.—Reuter, Brockelmann & Co.

Fookee, Chinese str., 850 tons, Capt. S. Nakano, from Chefoo, with a general cargo, lying at Stonecutters.—Shun Tai Hong.

Ho Sang, British str., 2,293 tons, Capt. J. M. Wright, from Calcutta and Singapore. The latter port she left on March 31st, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Kachosuh Maru, Japanese str., 1,442 tons, Capt. Miyazawa, from Miike, with a cargo of coal, lying at Quarry Bay.—M.B.K.

Tak Sang, British str., 977 tons, Capt. J. S. Masson, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at West Point wharf, Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Yingchow, British str., 1,216 tons, Capt. P. R. Pursglove, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12.—B. & S.

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Hermelin, for Swatow.
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Lamchow, for Pakhoi.
Lingshan, for Canton.
Miike Maru, for Hongay.
Mohan, for Kwang Chow Wan
Shimizu Maru, for Canton.
Shinsei Maru, for Canton.
Sunli, for Kwang Chow Wan.
Szechuen, for Amoy.
Taisang, for Kwang Chow Wan.
Tak Sang, for Canton.
Teviot, for Singapore.
Tjibadas, for Macassar.
West Kader, for Manila.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Australia* arrived at Kobe on April 6th at 10.30 a.m., left on the same day at 4 p.m., and is due at Shanghai on April 8th at 11 p.m.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Russia* arrived at Shanghai on April 5th at 9.30 a.m., left on April 6th at 7 a.m., and is due at Nagasaki on April 7th at noon.

The s.s. *Menelaus* (Blue Funnel Line), from Liverpool, left Singapore on April 4th for this port, and is due to arrive here on April 9th.

The s.s. *Atreus*, (Blue Funnel Line), arrived at New York on April 5th.

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
NEW YORK & BOSTON via PANAMA	Lisbon Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 15th inst.
NEW YORK & BOSTON	Siberian Prince	Brit.	Prince Line	On 1st May
BARCELONA, VALENCIA ANTWERP ROTTERDAM, &c.	Sumtra	Swed	Gilman & Co.	About 25th May
BOSTON, NEW YORK & BALTIMORE via SUEZ	Helenus	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 19th inst.
BOSTON, NEW YORK & BALTIMORE via SUEZ	City of Durban	Brit.	The Bank Line, Limited	On 7th inst.
SAN FRANCISCO via S'HAI & JAP. PORTS & H'LU.	President Lincoln	Am.	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	On 11th inst, 10 a.m.
SAN FRANCISCO, &c.	West Faralon	Am.	Struthers & Barry	On 10th inst.
VICTORIA & VANCOUVER, B.C., via SHANGHAI, &c.	Empress Australia	Brit.	Canadian Pacific O. S. Ltd.	On 17th inst.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via J. PORTS.	Shidzuoka Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 23rd inst
VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER	Philoctetes	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 22nd inst.
SEATTLE & VICTORIA, via S'HAI KOBE & YOKOHAMA	President Jackson	Am.	Admiral Oriental Line	On 15th inst.
MARSEILLES & LONDON	Macedonia	Brit.	P. & O., B. I. & A. L.	On 2nd May, D.L.
MARSEILLES, &c.	Andre Lebon	Fren.	Messageries Maritimes	On 10th May
MARSEILLES, &c.	Angers	Fren	Messageries Maritimes	On 18th inst
MARSEILLES, &c.	Paul Lecat	Fren	Messageries Maritimes	On 29th inst.
MARSEILLES, &c.	Kashima Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 8th inst. 11 a.m.
MARSEILLES, LONDON, ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	Trafford Hall	Brit.	The Bank Line, Ltd.	On 17th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON, R'DAM & HAMBURG	Ninchow	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 20th inst
GENOA, MARSEILLES, LIVERPOOL & GLASGOW	Saarbruecken	Ger.	Melchers & Co.	On 2nd May
GENOA, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG, BREMEN, &c.	Antenor	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 7th inst
MARSEILLES, LONDON, ROTTERDAM & GLASGOW	Glenogle	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd	On 15th inst
LONDON, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG	Zosma	Dut.	Java-China-Japan Line	On 24th inst
GENOA, MARS., R'DAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Calcutta Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 10th inst.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO	Namsang	Brit.	Jardines, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 10th inst., 3 p.m
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	Talma	Brit.	P. & O., B. I. & A. L.	On 24th inst.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	Lahore	Brit.	P. & O., B. I. & A. L.	On 23rd inst.
SINGAPORE, & BOMBAY	Nagpora	Brit.	P. & O., B. I. & A. L.	On 21st inst.
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, &c.	Van Cloon	Dut.	Java-China-Japan Line	On 9th inst.
SINGAPORE & BELAWAN-DELI	Persia	Ital.	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	On 13th inst.
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WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	Hinsang	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 15th inst., Noon
SANDAKAN	Aki Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 22nd inst., 11 a.m
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	St. Albans	Brit.	P. & O., B. I. & A. L.	On 29th inst
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	Taiyuan	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 9th May
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	Tomiura Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 12th inst.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	Kwaigsang	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 14th inst., 10 a.m.
BANGKOK via SWATOW	Talamba	Brit.	P. & O., B. I. & A. L.	On 13th inst.,
SHANGHAI & KOBE	Kaigan	Brit.	P. & O., B. I. & A. L.	On 15th May
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	Sardinia	Brit.	P. & O., B. I. & A. L.	On 17th inst
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	Duchessa D'Aosta	Ital.	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	About 13th inst
YOKOHAMA, SHANGHAI, KOBE & MOJI	Tjikembang	Dut.	Java-China-Japan Line	About 10th inst.
SHANGHAI	Takliwa	Brit.	P. & O., B. I. & A. L.	On 28th inst,
KOBE	Moren	Brit.	P. & O., B. I. & A. L.	On 1st May
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	Cheongshing	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 11th inst., Noon
TIENTSIN via CHEFOO	Tjimanoek	Dut.	Java-China-Japan Line	About 10th inst.
BATAVIA	Leesang	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 14th inst., 10 a.m.
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	Kaying	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 12th inst., 11 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	Kiungchow	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 14th inst., 11 a.m.
SWATOW, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK	Haihow	Brit.	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	On 7th inst., 1 p.m
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	Haiching	Brit	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	On 10th inst., 1 p.m.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	President Cleveland	Am.	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	On 15th inst., 5 p.m
MANILA	Empress Asia	Brit.	Canadian Pacific O. S. Ltd.	On 23rd inst.
MANILA	Yuensang	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 7th inst, 3 p.m.
MANILA	President Jackson	Am.	Admiral Oriental Line	On 7th inst.
MANILA	West Jester	Brit	Struthers & Barry	On 23rd inst.
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ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. *Oostkerk*, on April 5th:—Mrs. Cooper and child.

Per s.s. *Ho Sang*, on April 6th:—Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. G. Ingham, Miss Benson, Miss Junipes, Miss Dalby, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. A. L. McKim, Mr. W. Ryle, Mr. G. Lavender, Mr. H. L. J. Butler, Mr. J. Ohtoba.

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SHIPPING NOTES.

The silk shipped per s.s. *President Jefferson*, which sailed from this port at 5 p.m. on March 10th, arrived at New York at 5 p.m. on April 2nd, having been 23 calendar days in transit.

The following report, dated April 1st, has been received from the master of the s.s. *Lorestan*, and posted in the Harbour Offices:—"Passed a capsized drifting junk about 50 feet in length, Lat. 21.23 W., Long. 113.38 E. Dangerous to navigation."

A rumour during the week-end to the effect that the Asiatic Petroleum Co.'s oil-tanker *Courrie* had gone ashore near North Nine Pins (about 17 miles from Hongkong) has been disproved, since the vessel has now come in. She had anchored at North Nine Pins owing to the thick fog.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONGKONG.

Standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich.

April	7th	6.11 a.m.	6.41 p.m.
"	8th	6.10 "	6.41 "
"	9th	6.10 "	6.41 "
"	10th	6.09 "	6.42 "
"	11th	6.07 "	6.42 "
"	12th	6.06 "	6.42 "
"	13th	6.05 "	6.42 "
"	14th	6.04 "	6.43 "
"	15th	5.03 "	6.43 "
"	16th	6.03 "	6.43 "
"	17th	6.02 "	6.44 "
"	18th	6.01 "	6.45 "
"	19th	6.00 "	6.45 "
"	20th	6.00 "	6.46 "
"	21st	5.59 "	6.46 "
"	22nd	5.58 "	6.46 "
"	23rd	5.57 "	6.46 "
"	24th	5.57 "	6.47 "
"	25th	5.56 "	6.47 "
"	26th	5.55 "	6.48 "
"	27th	5.55 "	6.48 "
"	28th	5.53 "	6.48 "
"	29th	5.53 "	6.49 "
"	30th	5.52 "	6.49 "

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"LAHORE"	5,252	24th Apr.	Singapore & Bombay
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	2nd May	Marseilles & London
"ALIPORE"	5,272	13th May	Singapore Penang, & Bombay.
"SARDINIA"	6,684	16th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"SOUDAN	6,698	29th May	S'pore., Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"MOREA"	10,911	30th May	Marseilles & London
"NAGOYA"	6,854	31st May	Marseilles & London
"SICILIA"	6,813	10th June	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
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"MANTUA"	10,902	25th July	Marseilles London
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"MACEDONIA"	11,089	22nd Aug.	Marseilles & London
"NARKUNDA"	16,227	5th Sept.	Marseilles & London.
"KARMALA"	9,128	19th Sept.	Marseilles, London, & A'werp.

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"TALMA"	10,000	24th Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TILAWA"	10,006	30th Apr.	do.
"TALAMBA"	8,018	6th May	do.
"TAKLIWA"	7,826	21st May	do.
"TAIREA"	7,933	28th May	do.
"TAKADA"	6,949	4th June	do.

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"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	29th April	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
† "TANDA"	6,958	3rd June	
"ARAFURA"	6,000	1st July	
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	29th July	
"TANDA"	6,958	2nd Sept.	
"ARAFURA"	6,000	30th Sept.	Manila, Iloilo, Kolambugan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.

† s.s. "TANDA" calls at Kolambugan.

The E. & A. S.S. Co., Ltd. steamers will also call at Shanghai, Iloilo, Cebu, Kolambugan, Tawao, Timor, Darwin, or other ports en route as inducement offers.
Frequent connections from Australia with the following:—
The Union S.S. Co.'s Steamers to the United Kingdom viz New Zealand, Vancouver [San Francisco, etc.
The P. & O. Royal Mail Steamers to London via Suez Canal.
The P. & O. Branch Service of Steamers to London via the Cape.
The New Zealand Shipping Co.'s Steamers for Southampton and London via Panama Canal.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

"TALAMBA"	8,018	15th Apr.	Shanghai & Kobe
"SARDINIA"	6,684	17th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"NAGOYA"	6,854	23rd Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"TAKLIWA"	7,826	28th Apr.	Kobe
"MOREA"	10,911	1st May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SOUDAN"	6,698	1st May	do.
"TAIREA"	7,933	5th May	Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,958	9th May	Moji & Kobe.
"KALYAN"	9,144	15th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SICILIA"	6,812	15th May	Shanghai & Kobe
"TAKADA"	6,949	17th May	Kobe
"MALWA"	10,941	29th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	6th June	Moji & Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,965	12th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"DELTA"	8,097	12th June	Shanghai, & Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,902	26th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SARDINIA"	6,684	28th June	Shanghai & Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th July	Moji & Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	10th July	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SOUDAN"	6,698	10th July	Shanghai & Kobe
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	24th July	Shanghai Moji & Kobe
"KARMALA"	9,128	7th Aug	do
"SICILIA"	6,812	7th Aug.	Shanghai & Kobe
"TANDA"	6,958	8th Aug.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"NARKUNDA"	16,227	21st Aug.	Shanghai.
"KHIVA"	9,135	4th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	5th Sept.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MALWA"	10,941	18th Sept.	Shanghai & Kobe
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	3rd Oct.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama

All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice.
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HAISONG ... | Capt. Hills Walker | Tuesday, 7th Apr., at 1 p.m.
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*Calling at Swatow for Passengers only.

Arrivals and Departures from the Company's Wharf (near Blake Pier).
Round Trip Tickets will be issued from Hongkong to Foochow (Pagoda Anchorage) and Return by the same Steamer by the "HAI-HING," "HAIHONG" and "HAICHING" at the Reduced Rate of $80.00 including Meals while the Steamer is in Port.
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CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS.

Ports	Steamers	Date of Departure
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW"	On 7th Apr., D.L.
HOIHOW & BANGKOK	"CHINKIANG"	On 8th Apr., Noon.
SHANGHAI & TEINTSIN	"NANCHANG"	On 8th Apr., 5 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SHANTUNG"	On 9th Apr., 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"LINGCHOW"	On 11th Apr., Noon.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SUNNING"	On 12th Apr., 11 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KAYING"	On 13th Apr., 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI & NEWCHWANG	"PAKHOI"	On 13th Apr., 5 p.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SINKIANG"	On 13th Apr., 5 p.m.
SWATOW, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK	"KIUNGCHOW"	On 14th Apr., 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"LUCHOW"	On 15th Apr., Noon.
HOIHOW & BANGKOK	"CHINHUA"	On 16th Apr., 3 p.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 16th Apr., 4 p.m.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KIANGSU"	On 18th Apr., D.L.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGCHOW"	On 19th Apr., 11 a.m.

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HONGKONG TO PHILIPPINES AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS
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Steamer	Due at Hongkong on or about	Due to sail for Manila, Port Banga, Thursday Is., & Aus. Ports on or about
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The transmission of Radio Telegrams to Swatow is suspended.

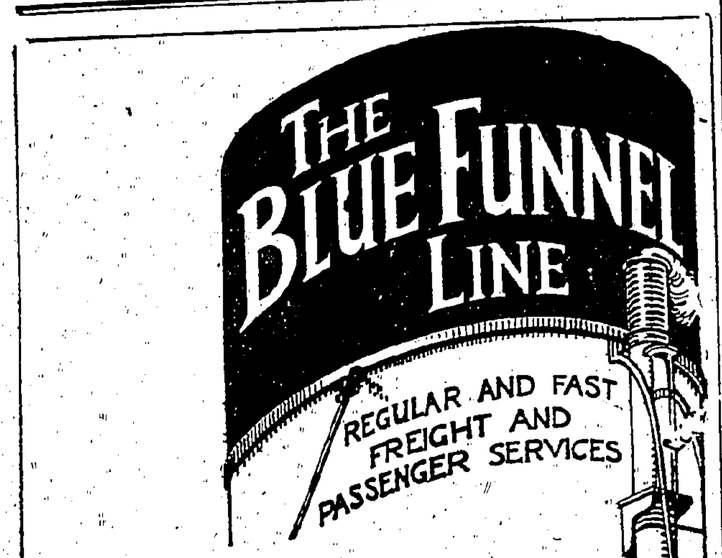
INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Japan and Shanghai	*Kashima Maru* ...	7th April
Suez & Straits	*Agamemnon* ...	8th April
Europe via Negapatam (Letters only London, 12th Mar.)	*Menelaus* ...	8th April
Manila	*Pres. Lincoln* ...	9th April
Europe via Negapatam (Papers, only London, 12th March)	*Fooksang* ...	10th April
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai ...	*Empr. of Australia*	12th April
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	*Pres. Monroe* ...	13th April
Manila	*Pres. Jackson* ...	14th April
Australia and Manila	*Mishima Maru* ...	15th April
Japan & Shanghai	*Shidzuoka Maru*	18th April
Straits	*Hakozaki Maru*	20th April
Japan	*Abi Maru* ...	21st April
Japan & Shanghai	*Hakone Maru* ...	24th April

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date	
Manila & Parcels only for Germany via Hamburg	*Albert*	Tuesday, 7th,	8.00 A M
Bangkok	*Tonjer*		8.00 A M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 5th May ...	*Antenor* ...	Registration Letters	9.45 A M 10.30 A M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hai Hong* ...		Noon
Saigon	*Lorestan* ...		12.30 P M
Shanghai	*Hsin Wah* ...		2.30 P M
Manila	*Pres Jackson* ...		3.30 P M
Swatow	*Fooshing* ...		5.00 P M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt, and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles 9th May ...	*Kashima Maru*	Wednesday, 8th, Reg. Letters	8.45 A M 9.30 A M 10.30 A M
Hoihow and Bangkok	*Chiukiang* ...		3.30 P M
Shanghai	*anchang* ...		5.00 P M
Amoy	*Hosang* ...		
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	*Kotsu Maru*	Thursday, 9th,	8.30 A M
Straits	*Van Cloon* ...		11.00 A M
Straits and Calcutta	*Namsang* ...		1.00 P M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hai Ching* ...	Friday, 10th,	9.00 A M
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, *Canada, *U.S.A., C. & S. America and *Europe via San Francisco - due San Francisco, 5th May.	*Pres Lincoln* ...	Parcels 10th, Saturday, 11th, Registration Letters	8.00 A M 9.00 A M 9.00 A M
Saigon, *Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 12th May—Ship sails 4 p.m. Sunday, 12th April		Sunday, 12th, Reg. Letters	9.00 A M 9.00 A M
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	*Anger*		9.00 A M
Manila, *Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa	*Hozan Maru*		
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central & S. America, & *EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 4th May	*Pres. Monroe* ...	Monday, 13th,	9.00 A M
Japan	*Pres. Jackson* ...	Parcels ... Wednesday, 15th, Registration Letters	Noon 2.45 P M 3.30 P M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via MARSEILLES—due Marseilles, 16th May...	*Mishima Maru* ...	Thursday, 16th,	9.30 A M
Shanghai & Japan	*Karmala* ...	Parcels, 17th, Saturday, 18th, Reg. Letters	5.00 P M 9.45 A M 10.30 A M
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 3rd May	*Hakozaki Maru* ...	Tuesday, 21st	10.30 A M
	Abi Maru ...	Wednesday, 22nd Registration Letters	8.45 A M 9.30 A M

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.



LONDON SERVICE.

"ANTENOR"	7th Apr.	Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Glasgow.
"LAOMEDON"	13th Apr.	London, Rotterdam & Hamburg.
"LYCAON"	20th Apr.	Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg.
"EUMAEUS"	27th Apr.	London, Rotterdam & Hamburg.

LIVERPOOL SERVICE.

"NINGCHOW"	20th Apr.	Genoa, Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow.
"AJAX"	1st May	Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.
"OANFA"	20th May	Genoa, Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow.
"AUTOMEDON"	1st June	Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.

* via Port Sudan.

PACIFIC SERVICE.

(via KOBE & YOKOHAMA).

"PHILOCTETES"	22nd Apr.	Victoria, Seattle & Vancouver.
"TALTHYBIUS"	15th May	Victoria, Seattle & Vancouver.

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(via SUEZ or PANAMA).

"HELENUS"	19th Apr.	Boston, New York & Baltimore via Suez.
"JASON"	7th May	Boston, New York & Baltimore via Suez.
"DIOMED"	7th June	Boston, New York & Baltimore via Suez.

PASSENGER SERVICE.

"ANTENOR"	7th Apr	Singapore, Marseilles & London.
"HECTOR"	5th May	Singapore, Marseilles & London.
"SARPEDON"	15th June	Singapore, Marseilles & London.
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COMMERCIAL.

OPENING QUOTATIONS.

April 6th, 1925.

On London.—	
Telegraphic Transfer ...	2/3
Bank Bills, on demand ...	2/3 1/16
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ...	—
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	2/3½
Credits, at 4 months' sight ...	2/3⅝
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	2/4
On Paris.—	
Bank Bills, on demand ...	—
Credits, 4 months' sights	nom.
On New York.—	
Bank Bills, on demand ...	54
Credits, at 30 days' sight ...	53⅞
On Bombay.—	
Telegraphic Transfer ...	151½
Bank Bills, on demand ...	
On Calcutta.—	
Telegraphic Transfer ...	151½
Bank Bills, on demand ...	
On Shanghai.—	
Bank Bills, at sight ...	nom.
Private, 30 days' sight ...	
On Yokohama.—On demand ...	—
On Manila.—On demand ...	106½
On Singapore.—On demand ...	96½
On Batavia.—On demand ...	123½
On Haiphong.—On demand ...	nom.
On Saigon.—On demand	—
On Bangkok.—On demand ...	82½
Sovereign, Bank's Buying rate ...	$ 8.64
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, per tael ...	43
Bar Silver, per oz.	31 7/16

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Head Office: Hongkong.

Authorised Capital	$30,000,000
Issued and Fully Paid-up ...	$20,000,000
Reserve Funds:—	
Sterling	£4,500,000
Silver	$26,500,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors ...	$20,000,000

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Hongkong, 21st February, 1925. [27

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For the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1925. [28

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Incorporated By Royal Charter, 1853.

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A. H. FERGUSON,
Manager.

Hongkong, April 8th 1924 [31

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Z. [YAMAMOTO]
Manager,
Hongkong Branch,
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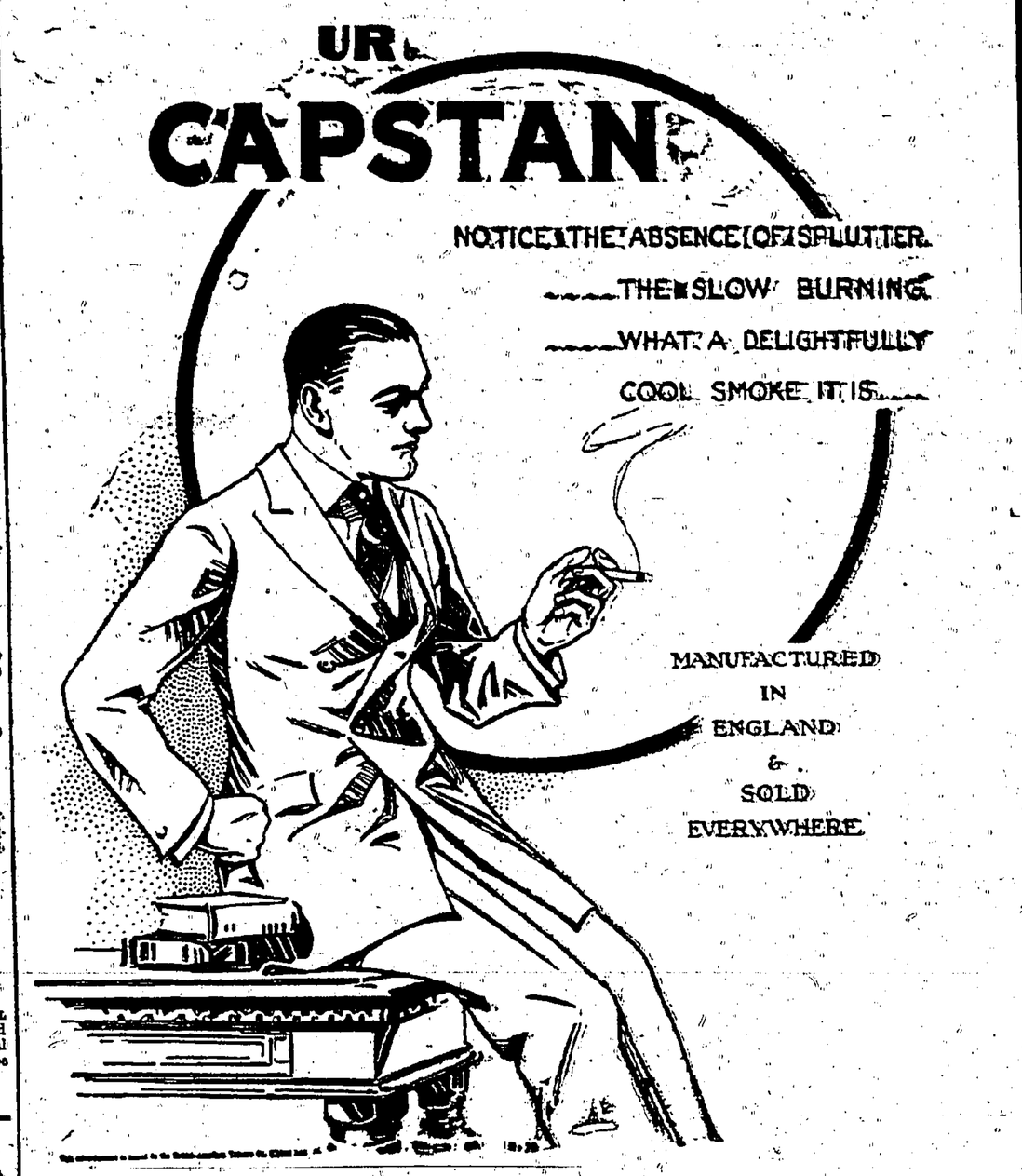
Hongkong, 20th March, 1924.]



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Paid-up Capital	£1,050,000
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J. B ROSS,
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7, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, January 22nd, 1925. [20

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Paid-up Capital	Frs. 63,499,999.98
Reserve Fund	Frs. 59,667,283.54

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A. LECOT
Manager.

Hongkong, 31st March, 1924.] [33

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KAN TONG PO,
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Hongkong, 16th February, 1925. [34

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TSUYEE PEI,
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Hongkong, September 6th, 1921. [33

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Special Reserves	22,[illegible] ($[illegible])

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Hankow	New York	Tientsin
Harbin	Peking	Tokyo
Honolulu	Rio de	Tsingtao
Kai Yuan	Janeiro	Vladivostock

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